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Port Almanac—Dec. 31.

Sun Rises	7.11 A M
Sun Sets	4 56 P M
Day's Length	9 h 45 m
High Water at Southport	1.25 A M
High Water at Wilmington	3.05 A M

The Weather.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE, WEATHER BUREAU, WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 30.

Temperature, 8 a. m., 45°; 8 p. m., 50°; maximum, 63°; minimum, 43°; mean, 52°. Rainfall for the day, .00; rainfall since 1st of month up to date, 4.87.

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

A storm trough of low barometer extends from New England southwest to Texas, with centers over Western Tennessee and north of New England. Cloudiness prevails under this area, with rain falling over the Ohio valleys, and showers during the day along the lower lakes. High barometer areas cover the southeastern and northwestern sections, with fair, warmer weather under the former and fair, colder weather under the latter named sections. Conditions seem to indicate the development of the Tennessee low area, and if so, increasing cloudiness and possibly showers for this locality by Friday night as it moves towards the coast.

Local forecast to 12 o'clock midnight Friday—Generally fair weather; warmer; southwest winds, followed by increasing cloudiness.

Stage of water at Fayetteville at 8 a. m., 7.5 feet.

OUTLINES.

While drilling for water at Medaryville, Ind., a good flow of oil of fine quality was struck. —— The Farmers and Traders' State bank, Oskaloosa, Iowa, closed its doors. —— Experiments in Missouri demonstrate that sugar beet culture would not be profitable there. —— Kentucky distillers propose to pool stocks of whiskey of about 500,000 barrels. —— A salute of 100 guns will be fired at Governor's Island January 1st, to celebrate the birth of Greater New York. —— Gen. Weyler, in his memorial to the Spanish queen-regent, says he is honored by the attacks made upon him in President McKinley's message, but as it contained insulting observations on the army he protested. —— Cotton mills in Maine will join in the cut-down in wages of operatives. —— Canadian mounted police will assist the United States troops in expediting the relief measures for the Klodike sufferers. —— Another strike of window glass makers is threatened. —— The Wick China Co., of Kittaning, Pa., have advanced wages of employes. —— Japan is working night and day preparing for war. —— The fusion movement to defeat Mark Hanna's election as U. S. Senator from Ohio is not altogether promising; leading Democrats are not willing to enter into any arrangements which may fail of success. —— New York markets: Money on call firm at 3½@4 per cent., last loan at 3 and closed offered at 2½ per cent.; cotton was dull but steady—middling 5 15 16c; flour dull, easy and lower to sell; wheat—spot weak, No. 2 red $1 00½; corn—spot easy; No. 2 35½c; rosin steady; spirits turpentine 33½@34c.

Uncle Sam's Money Order Department does considerable business itself, about $400,000,000 a year, and it is still growing.

Mr. Leiter had better look out for his wheat corner. Argentina will have 40,000,000 bushels to ship, in spite of the grasshoppers.

There is a gas well in West Virginia which isn't modest about asserting itself. It can be heard tooting a distance of six miles.

With candles at $1 50 a piece in the Klondike, there ought to be some money in that petroleum lake we read about some time ago.

Chicago doesn't propose to be left on precocious youths, and trots out a 5 year old anatomist against the 7 year old Kansas lawyer.

Gen. Weyler wasn't much of an insurrection crusher, but as a property destroyer he was a success. He destroyed about $70,000,000 worth in Cuba.

An Indiana man has invented a perpetual motion machine which runs with cups. They have been using that kind of a machine in Kentucky from away back.

Russia's last grab has given her control of the gulf of Lau Tung, and she isn't wagging her tongue about it half as much as Kaiser William did when he squatted on Kiao Chou, a grab of doubtful value.

The Wisconsin Central Railroad, one of the largest systems in that section of country, has been sold out under foreclosure of mortgage for $14,000,000. Another illustration of McKinley prosperity.

A Baltimore man has been indicted for kicking a mule in the stomach. If the mule had kicked him in the stomach that would have been the end of it as far as the mule is concerned and probably the end of him, too.

James Jacco, a native born African who lived many years in Cuba, where he laid up a handsome fortune as a compounder of cool drinks, but has been living with a son in New York for the past ten years, died the other day at the age of 97 years, having survived ten wives.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Attention is called to the following REDUCED RATES of Subscription to THE MORNING STAR:

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TO CITY SUBSCRIBERS.

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The Chinese Minister at Washington, Wee Ting-Fang, wants to know "what China has done to be blotted out by Europe." She hasn't done anything, Wee, and that's what's the matter. If she had the right kind of sand in her and jumped on the fellows who started the blotting business, there would be considerably less of that going on now.

Old man Bismarck who has been wrestling with a robust case of gout for some time, got as mad as a hornet because some newspaper correspondent wrote that he had downed the gout and was better. He says he is not better and wishes the fellow who said he was had some of his experience and then he might have a realizing sense of what a "satisfactory condition" is.

There is a cute shoe dealer in Quebec, Canada, who makes his customers do his advertising for him, "free gratis and for nothing." With each pair of shoes sold he gives a pair of over shoes, on the soles of which he has pressed in raised letters his advertisement, which the wearer of the shoes imprints on the snow.

A Texas editor, who isn't averse to handling dry subjects, estimates that the arid lands of the United States could, if properly irrigated, support a population of 300,000,000. Well, let's keep 'em in reserve until we begin to feel the pinch for more land.

The Washington "Post," speaking of the landgrabbing by European Governments in China, does so under the heading of "The Vultures and the Carrion." Perhaps this was suggested by the scandalous way the grabbers carry on over their victim.

The customs officers of New York want to stop the custom of kissing people on the gang plank when vessels arrive or sail, because it interferes with their business. There is no duty on kisses, although a good many people think it is their duty to kiss.

Paris believes in trees. On her principal boulevards 87,655 have been planted, at an average cost of $35 each. Many of them were full grown trees, transported from the forests. To maintain them costs about $52 500 annually.

There are four papers published in the Arctic regions. The last which is called the Atnagogliatel Nilinginginarmik Lusaru ninasassumki, of Greenland, is no slouch, at least as far as the name goes.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

SEACOAST ROAD—Special train.
OPERA HOUSE—"A Hot Reception."
WANTED—Bookkeeper.

LOCAL DOTS.

Items of Interest Gathered Here and There and Briefly Noted.

— Be sure and write it 98 to-morrow.

— The local cotton market closed firm yesterday at 5½ cents for middling The receipts were 1 674 bales.

— 1898 will be ushered in by some of the churches of the city ringing their bells at twelve o'clock to-night.

— Prof. O. G. Cogan gave an exhibition of slack wire walking yesterday afternoon at the foot of Market street.

— Mr. Dozier Foy, who was accidentally shot Christmas eve, is getting along nicely. Amputation will not be necessary.

— An impromptu german will be given the members of the University Dramatic Club to-night at Germania Hall. Mr. Thomas W. Davis will lead.

— The STAR was shown yesterday the list of subscribers to the new club house at Carolina Beach. It includes some of the leading German citizens.

— The Star acknowledges the receipt of a very pretty illustrated calendar from the Charles A. Baldwin Co., dealers in stocks, cotton, etc., 40 and 42 Wall street, New York.

— On Christmas day young Geo H. Bellamy, Jr., of El Paso, the eleven year old son of Mr. Geo. Bellamy, shot and killed a fine doe. This was big game for so young a Nimrod.

— The Wilmington Seacoast Railroad will run a special train to Wrightsville Beach to morrow, New Year's day. The train will leave here at 9 30 a. m, and will leave Wrightsville at 11 30 a. m.

— The STAR is a little late in reaching the city readers these fine mornings, but it cannot be helped just now, and we trust our friends will be patient. We will remedy this trouble very soon.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Pertinent Paragraphs Pertaining Principally to People and Pointedly Printed.

— Mr. H. E. Wells, of Columbia, S. C., is in the city.

— Mr. A H. Anderson, of Fair Bluff, registered here yesterday.

— Dr. L. L. Ardrey and wife, of Burgaw, were here yesterday.

— Mr. and Mrs. T. C. McIlhenny returned from Raleigh yesterday.

— Mr. Robert D. Wescott left last evening to attend school in New York city.

— Miss Pearl Wescott left yesterday for Savannah to visit her friend, Miss Lula Davis.

— Mrs. E. P. Boatwright returned from Richmond last evening accompanied by her sister, Miss Fanny Bauman.

— Mr. A. G. Hankins, Jr., who has been for some time employed at Bunting's Pharmacy, will leave to-day for Raleigh to attend the A. & M. College.

— Masters Earle and Arnold Hewes leave to-day by steamer for Yonkers, N. Y., to join their parents, who recently removed to that place from this city.

— Mrs. Newton Robinson and children arrived here from Elizabethtown yesterday. Mrs. Robinson will reside here for the present in order to give the children the benefit of Wilmington's educational advantages.

— Among the arrivals in the city yesterday were: O. C. Ferrell, "Optic," Nashville; James Horne, Chinquepin; J. A. Westbrook, Mount Olive; J. A. Brown, Chadbourn; Henry Grimes, Charlotte; D. J. Lewis, Whiteville; Dr. F. H. Arthur, Magnolia; Dr. W. A. Crolwell, Whiteville.

— Ex-Mayor W. N. Harriss left Wednesday night for Philadelphia to take charge of the branch house of Messrs. Geo. Harriss, Son & Co., ship brokers. The STAR wishes him abundant success in his new home. Mr. Geo. Harriss, Jr., who has been in charge at Philadelphia, will assist in the management of the business here.

CORONER'S INQUEST

In the Case of the White Woman Who Committed Suicide Early Yesterday Morning.

At 10 o'clock yesterday morning at the Court House Coroner David Jacobs empanelled the following jury: Jno. M. Wright (foreman), C. E. Collins, Thos. H. Hawkins, Elijah Lane, Jno. H. Hill and Jno. D. Franklin—the latter three colored—and held an inquest over the body of Mamie Mays, the white woman who committed suicide early yesterday morning by shooting herself with a pistol. Several witnesses were examined, after which the following verdict was rendered, viz: "That the deceased came to her death from a gun-shot wound inflicted by her own hand."

Among the witnesses who testified was Mattie Allen, at whose house the unfortunate woman resided and where the tragedy was enacted, and Mamie Edwards and Eva Styles, two other inmates of the house.

Mattie Allen's testimony was to the effect that the Mays woman wanted to take a ride in a carriage with a man, but she prevented her from doing so, whereupon the Mays woman became despondent and begged to be killed; that while she (Mattie Allen) was at the front door, in response to a knock, the tragedy occurred.

Mamie Edwards and Eva Styles' testimony was only to the effect that they heard the report of the pistol and found the Mays woman in a dying condition.

Coroner Jacobs yesterday morning telegraphed to Raleigh, from whence it was said the Mays woman came, to inquire what disposition to make of the body.

The telegram was sent to the chief of police, and an answer was received signed Albert Blake, requesting that the body be interred in this city, which was done later.

Wilmington Lodge, I. O. O. F., Elects Officers.

At a meeting of Wilmington Lodge No. 189, I. O. O. F., held last night, the following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing year:

S. P. G.—R. H. Northrop.
N. G.—D. D. Cameron.
V. G.—B. J. Jacobs.
Secretary—J. M. McGowan.
Treasurer—J. T. King.
Member of the General Relief Committee—J. J. Hopkins.

These, with the appointive officers, will be publicly installed next Thursday night by Mr. J. T. King, D. D. G. M.

Magistrates' Courts.

Justice McGowan disposed of two cases yesterday.

Jim Bradley, colored, was arraigned, charged with stealing a quantity of lumber from Mr. T. F. Tyler on the 20th and 29th of the present month. He was adjudged not guilty of larceny of lumber on the 29th inst., and Justice McGowan reserved his decision on the other alleged theft.

Abe Walker, colored, was arraigned, charged with stealing a boat, but the case was transferred to Justice Bunting, who dismissed it.

At the Opera House To-Night.

Judging from the large number of tickets that have already been sold for the performance of the University Dramatic Club to-night at the Opera House, the theatre will hardly be able to accommodate the large audience.

"London Assurance," from the pen of Dion Boucicault, will be the play presented, and will be produced by a most competent cast of actors in an artistic manner. The advance sale of seats commenced Wednesday morning at Gerken's. Admission fifty cents, but no extra charge for reserve seats.

NO ONE TO BLAME.

Full Investigation Into the Killing of Miss Humphrey On the Wilmington and Newbern Railroad Track—Verdict of the Coroner's Jury.

The accident on the Wilmington and Newbern railroad Tuesday morning, which resulted in the death of Miss Pauline Humphrey, a deaf maiden lady (as told in the STAR), was investigated yesterday by a coroner's jury, who after hearing the evidence in the case returned the following verdict:

That the deceased came to her death by being struck and thrown from the railroad track by an engine run by Engineer Thomas A. Lawther, near Bay Meade, while on its way to Jacksonville, Onslow county, on the morning of December 28, 1897 and that we fail to find by the evidence given that blame can be attached to the engineer, but in our opinion more caution should be exercised in similar cases by all railroad engineers.

[Signed] E. W. Manning (foreman). W. P. Oldham, W. T. Shepard, E. J. Pollock, T. B. Carney, John T. Howe.

The jury commenced hearing the evidence in the case yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock, and examined the following witnesses:

R. N. Carney, being sworn, testified as follows:

I know deceased. Her name is Miss B. C. Humphrey. She was the woman who was buried yesterday. She was very deaf.

Thomas Lawther, testified:

I left here Tuesday on a special train at 10 20 o'clock. When about south of Bay Meade I saw a woman walking on the track ahead of the engine, and after I got in about 800 yards of her I noticed that she paid no attention to the train. I sounded the cattle alarm and she started towards the left side of the track very slightly. I then noticed that she was not going to get off the track, and I applied the brakes with all the force I had. I blew the alarm blast of the whistle up to the time she was struck. I afterwards backed the train and took up the remains and carried them to Scott's Hill and turned them over to the operator. I carried the train on to Jacksonville and then returned to Wilmington. I was about 800 yards from the woman when I saw she was paying no attention to the train. I was on a straight stretch of about two miles, but I did not see the woman on the track when I came around the curve. I suppose that the object I saw on the track was about a half mile ahead of me. I gave the signal in time for her to get off the track. I had only an engine and one car, and when I saw that she paid no attention to the signal, I applied the brakes, but the distance was too short to stop the train. I suppose she was about 150 yards, or as far from the court house to Market street before I could stop the train. I put on the emergency brakes when I put on the danger signal but the engine ran about 450 yards before it was stopped. I could not have stopped the train at the speed I was going in a shorter distance. I suppose I was making about forty-five miles an hour. The body hit the ground and slid upon a little hill about two feet high and was not dragged by the car any distance. I have served as a railroad engineer about thirty-two years. I have never had a similar experience in my life. When I saw that the woman paid no attention to the signal, I supposed that she was deaf or wanted to commit suicide. It is an every day occurrence, and frequently we have to ring the bell at persons and then they step off. Some even stay on the track until the engine gets within a few feet of them, and then they step off. A train of one coach could not be stopped in a shorter distance than I stopped it to save your life.

T. B. Carney testified: "I live a little the other side of Bay Meade station. I knew the deceased. She was living near there and had been living with us. I think she was perfectly deaf. I have cautioned her about walking on the railroad track, as she was deaf and might get run over, and she agreed with me, and realized that it was dangerous."

Sidney Gause, colored, fireman on board the train at the time of the accident, testified in substance the same as the testimony of Engineer Lawther.

Joe Hansley, colored, testified to seeing the train stopped, and run back; that he was about fifty yards from the train, but did not see the deceased when she was killed.

Anthony Ballard, colored, testified that he was near the scene of the accident when it occurred, and heard the warning blasts of the engine whistle.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

Wilmington & Weldon R. R.—178 bales cotton.

Wilmington, Columbia & Augusta R. R.—1,881 bales cotton, 9 casks spirits turpentine, 56 bbls rosin, 67 bbls tar.

Carolina Central R. R.—4 bales cotton, 1 cask spirits turpentine, 110 bbls rosin, 7 bbls tar.

Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley R. R.—66 bales cotton, 16 casks spirits turpentine, 83 bbls rosin, 35 bbls tar.

Steamer Frank Sessoms—3 bales cotton, 18 bbls tar, 12 bbls crude turpentine.

Schooner Mary Wheeler—48 bales cotton, 4 casks spirits turpentine, 79 bbls rosin, 38 bbls tar.

Schooner Minnie Ward—2 bales cotton, 16 casks spirits turpentine, 103 bbls rosin, 33 bbls crude turpentine.

C. Larkins Flat—42 bbls tar.

Total receipts—Cotton, 1,674 bales; spirits turpentine, 46 casks; rosin, 480 bbls; tar, 235 bbls; crude turpentine, 12 bbls.

Watch Night Service.

Commencing at 11.15 o'clock and continuing until a few minutes after twelve to-night, there will be a watch night service at Grace Methodist E. church, to which all persons who desire to spend the last moments of the retiring year in suitable worship are invited to attend.

To City Subscribers.

City subscribers are earnestly requested to report promptly at the STAR office every failure of the carriers to deliver their papers. In all such cases steps will be taken to insure prompt and regular delivery. tf

NOTICE.

Messrs. F. D. Lawrence and Robert Johnson are fully authorized to canvass Wilmington for new subscribers to THE DAILY STAR, and to receipt for three-months' subscriptions in advance.
WM. H. BERNARD.

CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENTS

For the Sunday School Children of Grace Methodist, Brooklyn Baptist and Southside Baptist Churches.

The Christmas entertainment given by the Sunday school of Grace M. E. Church last night at the City Hall was unique and interesting. The presents were fished from a pond, and every angler, small and large, made one catch.

The exercises were opened by Mr. J. H. Davis, the superintendent. After he had spoken Rev. R. C. Beaman led in prayer. Then the fishing began. Apparently there were three good fishing grounds, as there were three fishing poles, each of which found its fish at exactly the same spot every time. The three poles were in the hands of Messrs. Jas. F. Post, Jr., R. B. Clowe and Supt. J. H. Davis. These either fished up the presents and handed them out to the scholars, or allowed the scholars to fish for themselves. The stage was handsomely decorated in pine and gray moss. After the fishing was over refreshments were served, and soon after a most delightful evening to all concerned came to an end. The committee to whose efforts the success of the occasion was due was composed as follows: Mrs. W. H. Shaw, Mrs. J. D. Kelley, Mrs. Lizzie Bowden, Mrs. W. W. Hodges, Col. Roger Moore and Mr. J. H. Davis.

BROOKLYN BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL had their Christmas entertainment last night. The church was crowded and a great many had to stand up. On the platform were two beautiful trees covered with presents, candy, etc., for the boys and girls. It was the opinion of all present that it was one of the best entertainments in the history of the school.

Much praise is due Mr. J. H. McDougall, the superintendent, for the success of the entertainment.

The following was the programme:

1. "The Child's Prayer," by Glenn Gore.
2. "Over the River," by Mary Farrow.
3. "The Child's Evening Prayer," by Will. D. Farrow.
4. "The Truth," by Marsden Smith.
5. "Two Chris," by Mattie Keen.
6. "The Olden Story," by Sallie Ballenger.
7. "The Two Stockings," by Julia Farrow.

The recitations were well delivered. Mr. J. C. Gore had charge of the entertainment. Miss Mary Davis presided at the organ.

SOUTHSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH.

The Sunday School of the Southside Baptist church held its Christmas entertainment last night. After a song, prayer by the pastor, Rev. F. H. Farrington, and an address by the superintendent, Mr. J. S. Canady, the "Rainbow" was presented by Minnie Canady, Mable Littleton, Pearl Montgomery, Tisha Aman, Elice Curtis, Maggie Benson and Jennie Thomas. Then a "War of the Months" was shown by Mr. N. McGowan, who with an hour glass and a scythe impersonated Father Time, and the following young people represented the months Misses Effie Curtis, Mary McKenney Lillie Parker, Katy Taylor, Maggie Howell, Mary Canady, Mary Taylor, Minnie Canady, Katie Swain, Mamie Stevenson, and Messrs. John W. and Joe Curtis.

"Beggar Girls," Misses Mary and Minnie Canady.

"The Way to Spend Christmas," a class and three teachers, Mabel Littleton, Pearl Montgomery and Katy Swain

"Pauper Child," Mable Littleton.

Song, by the school.

"The last Hymn," Miss May Humphrey.

"The Reason Why," Miss Lilly King.

Tableau, "The Star of Bethlehem," Pauline Canady, Alice Curtis, Emma Emory, Ruth Canady, Maggie Simons, Maggie King, Mamie Montgomery, Jennie Thomas, Maggie Benson.

The pastor, in behalf of the school and church, presented to Mr. J. S. Canady a valuable umbrella and to Mrs. Ruth Curtis a beautiful cape. The pastor himself was presented by Mrs. J. F. Littleton's sewing class with a handsome pocket-knife, a silk handkerchief, and a quilt bearing the autograph of every member of the class. He had previously received a new overcoat, set of cuff-buttons, shirt-studs and other presents.

The Christmas trees were loaded with presents for the Sunday school.

L'ETOILE COTILLON CLUB.

Christmas German Given Last Night—The Attendants, Etc.

L'Etoile Cotillon Club gave their Christmas german last night at Germania Hall. Haywood's band, of Raleigh, furnished the music. The german was led by Mr. Richard Bradley, in his usual graceful manner. The following couples participated: C. McD. Davis, Miss Lina Wiggins; J. H. Cowan, Miss Bridgers; F. W. Dick, Miss Armstrong; T. M. Green, Miss Emma West; H. B. Peschau, Miss Penelope Myers; R. H. Gwaltney, Miss Mary Jennings Bellamy; R. G. Rankin, Jr., Miss Lila Young; L. B. Southerland, Miss Lizzie Cotchett; T. H. Wright, Miss Sarah Kenan; C. P. Wells, Miss Carrie Maffitt; S. R. Vick, Miss Lola Martin; W. W. Vick, Miss Octavia Boatwright; W. Young, Miss Annie Lee; H. MacFarland, Miss Julia Daggett; E. Taylor, Miss Fannie Green; Henry McMillan, Miss Kate Harlowe; J. H. Bunting, Miss Jane Meares; Marsden Bellamy, Miss Nanie Cotchett; G. K. Collier, Miss Lucy Latham; R. E. Zachary, Miss May O'Connor; Melton Elliott, Miss Bessie Henderson; Pride Thomas, Miss Annie Kidder; R. N. Nash, Miss Page Humphrey; Richard Bradley, Miss Dismukes; Neill Emerson, Miss Nellie Emerson; Jas. Daggett, Miss Florie Maffitt; Leon Southerland, Miss Leonora Cantwell; June Davis, Miss Elliott Emerson; Edwin Metts, Miss Carrie Harriss; A. Elliott, Miss Mabel Powers; C. R. Lewis, Miss Sue McQueen.

Visiting Ladies—Misses Bridgers, Armstrong, Young, Henderson, Dismukes and Myers.

CONCORDIA SOCIETY.

Celebration of the Twenty Fifth Anniversary—Interesting Programme.

The twenty-fifth anniversary of the Concordia Society was celebrated with an interesting programme last night in the rooms of the Harmony Circle. The first number was a piano solo rendered with great skill by Miss Marcella Shrier. Then Dr. S. Mendelsohn reviewed the history of the society, showing what it had accomplished—it had bought an organ for the Sabbath school, another for the congregation, and had bought a parsonage. He also read resolutions conveying the society's esteem for Mrs. N Jacobi, the president, and Mr. N. Jacobi, trustee. The resolutions were appropriately responded to. Then came series of tableaux.

1. "Woman's Rights" Misses Lillie and Hattie Taylor, and Hattie Rosenthal; Messrs. H. Weil, Julius Taylor, E. J. Bear and Harry Honnett.

2. "Too Bad to Mend"—Mr. M. W. Jacobi and Miss Alice Rheinstein.

3. "Blind Beggars"—Messrs. Joe Jacobi, Gus Dannenbaum and Mannie Bear.

4. "Comin' Thro' the Rye"—Mr. Albert Solomon and Miss Marcella Shrier.

5. "Gypsy Camp"—Misses Hattie Taylor, Mamie and Lillie Bear; Messrs. Jake Solomon, Isadore Bear and Henry Bear and Ed. David.

Mr. Ike Solomon was stage manager and had the assistance of Dr. S. Mendelsohn and Mr. Joe Kahn. Mrs. J. I. Macks, Mrs. J. Hahn and Mrs. S. Solomon formed the committee on entertainment.

The tableaux were followed by refreshments and dancing. The evening was in every way a pleasant one.

Crystal Wedding Celebration.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Cantwell celebrated their crystal wedding last night. They were happily married just fifteen years ago last night. They greeted many friends at their home on Front and Ann streets. Mrs. Cantwell was Miss Mary Chafin, a grand daughter of the late Parker Quince. Mr. Cantwell is the only son of Col. Jno. L. Cantwell and prominently connected with the Kidder Lumber Company They were married at St. James' by Bishop A. A. Watson. They have four children, two girls, Mary and Theodosia, and two boys, Robert C., Jr., and Willard.

The New Chemical Engine.

The chemical engine for the use of the Fire Department came last night. It weighs 4,500 pounds, and carries two tanks holding fifty gallons of water each. It is equipped with acid and soda for forcing out the water, and with 250 feet of hose. It is for use in extinguishing small fires and in cases where the fire has not gained headway. Mr J. H. Spear, who will show the department how to work the engine, will arrive to-day or to-morrow.

One Cent a Word.

Hereafter advertisements to go in our Business Locals" department will be charged one cent per word for each insertion; but no advertisement, however short, will be taken for less than 20 cent

This is a reduction from former rates and it is also a convenience to adversers who can calculte the exact cost of their advertisements, which must be paid for always in advance.

RHODES' MERRYMAKERS.

Will Open a Week's Engagement in Wilmington Next Monday Night.

Monday evening at the Opera House, Frank B. Rhodes' "Merry Makers," will open a week's engagement by presenting the farce-comedy, "A Hot Reception." Of this company the Columbia (S. C.) Register of the 21st inst. says:

A general air of novelty prevailed during the opening performance of the Merrymakers at the opera house last night. Their program was new and entirely different from any other reportorie company that has ever played in Columbia. The first part of the evening was taken up with a pretty play in one act, entitled "Sunset." This was followed by an olio of clever specialties, enhanced by the company' beautiful transformation scene.

The entire olio was of the highest order, and surrounded by the sparkling, scintillating scenery made a beautiful and entertaining piece of itself.

Part third was an original, eccentric, acrobatic farcial sketch by Mr. Rhodes, entitled "A Hot Reception." In this sketch they used a special set of trick scenery, similar to that used in "Eight Bells." The piece abounded in acrobatic work by the four students, catch songs and funny situations, ending with a grand crash of the entire set of scenery.

Monday evening every lady accompanied by a person holding a paid 30 cent ticket will be admitted free.

Advance sale of seats commences at Gerken's to morrow morning.

Y. M. C. A. TUESDAY NIGHT.

Just An Idea What the "Singin Skule" Is.

Bertram and Willard's entertainment, Mr. Jedediah Bobbin's "Singin' Skule," which is to be presented at the Y. M. C. A. Auditorium Tuesday night next, January 4, for the benefit of the gymnasium, is not a play, but an entertainment, the chief aim of which is to amuse and in no way offend. The situations are unique and original, overflowing with clean, wholesome and refined humor. Mr. Bertram plays the part of Mrs. Jedediah Robbins and Mr. Willard plays Jedediah Bobbin. These two parts as played by these two gentlemen afford in themselves an entertainment of unusual merit. The cast is otherwise made up of local talent.

The "Singin' Skule" is not confined to musical numbers alone, though it contains several numbers that are quite bright and catchy, but it presents some quaint character sketches, delineations, and impersonations true to nature and strictly within the limits of an entertainment appealing to the taste of the refined, moral and intellectual. Its success has been nothing short of phenomenal, and its indorsement pronounced by the clergy, press and public.

Admission 50 cts. Seats on sale Monday at Yates'. No extra charge for reserving. Kids, 15 cts.

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BRUNSWICK EXPRESS ROBBERY.

Further Particulars—They Say the Fellow Who Got the Money Was Crazy.

SAVANNAH, GA., December 29.—A special to the News from Brunswick says: P. H. Mabry, agent of the Southern Express Company at this place, disappeared to-day with $5,000, consigned to the Brunswick Savings and Trust Company, and $5,000, consigned to the National Bank of Brunswick. This currency was shipped by the Savannah Bank and Trust Company, arriving at 11 o'clock last night. In addition Mabry is supposed to have taken $4 500 placed in the express office by the Johnston Steamship Line last night.

Last night Route Agent Lovett arrived to check up the office. Mabry worked all night and checked himself up $500 short. After figuring in vain, trying to find it, he wrote a three-page letter to his wife, couched in most affectionate and despairing tones. In it he stated that he was short, and did not know where the money had gone; that Agent Lovett would to-day discover the shortage and probably discharge him. The disgrace was too much for him to face, and he took $10,000, then on hand, and left. If apprehended he would kill himself. For his wife and dear old mother, he prayed God's blessings and the hope that they would not suffer through him. To them he would send money to keep them from want. In a chest at home he left $500 for them.

Every one in Brunswick believes Mabry was crazy through fear of possible disgrace, and all over Brunswick there is regret expressed that he did not ask his friends for aid. It is not believed he will be prosecuted if he now returns.

Mabry is described as follows: Height 6 feet, complexion fair, eyes brown and deep set, light mustache, mumbles in his speech, and has a stern look. His home is La Grange, Ga., and he is of good family.

MOTORMAN SHOT ON HIS CAR.

Tragedy at Winston, N. C., Growing Out of Alleged Insult to a Woman.

[Washington Post Special.]

WINSTON, N. C., Dec. 26.—Mr. Paul H. Stockton, son of Mr. Joseph H. Stockton, was shot and killed on a street car in West Winston at 11:30 to-day by J. W. Harrison, salesman in a shoe store here. The ball entered the left eye and came out back of the head. Stockton did not utter a word after the shot was fired. Harrison surrendered to the officers. He claims he shot in self defence, that Stockton, who was a motorman, attempted to draw his pistol when he fired. They were the only parties on the car.

The cause of the sad affair dates back two years ago, when its is alleged, the deceased insulted Mrs. Harrison on a street car which Stockton was running. After the trouble the latter left here and remained away some time. Harrison is being guarded in the sheriff's office. He will be given a preliminary hearing to-morrow morning.

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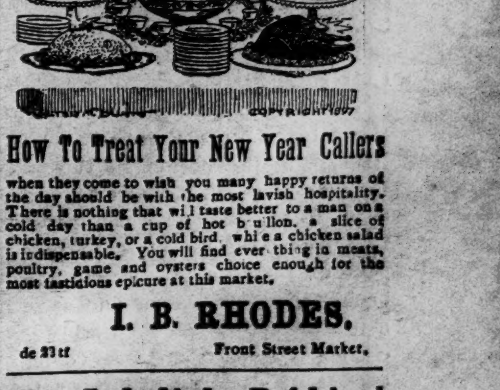

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The Morning Star.

By WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

FRIDAY MORNING, DEC. 31, 1897

A TRANSPARENT FRAUD.

The protective tariff, as constituted by the Republican tariff builders, is a transparent fraud, but not a whit more so than the bimetallic fake the Republican statesmen are trying to play upon the American people. They are all in it with the exception of the few, if perchance there be any, which is not yet made manifest, who may stand with Senator Gage in declaring unequivocally for the "more thorough" commitment of the country to the gold standard.

After Senator Wolcott returned from his wild goose chase in Europe, and reported to the President, it was agreed that it would never do to acknowledge that the mission of the gentlemen who were sent abroad to carry out the pledge of the party at St. Louis was a failure, and that the idea must be held out that there are grounds upon which to build the hope of ultimate success, and therefore the President in his message to Congress congratulated the country that France was with us and that the hope might reasonably be entertained that we might yet accomplish something on that line, when there wasn't a peg to hang a hope on outside of the fact that France was willing to open her mints to silver at her old ratio of 15½ to one, provided Great Britain would come in. They claim this as an evidence of the progress made by the commission, when as a matter of fact, France has been willing all the time to coin silver, if other nations would, and has been and is to-day more anxious to do it than the party which has control of this Government is. One of the most prominent advocates of bimetallism in Europe is Premier Meline, who contends that in this is the only hope of overcoming the industrial depression in Europe, and of lifting up the agricultural industry which he insists, and rightly, is suffering from depression resulting from the demonetization of silver. When the commission succeeded in securing the co operation of France, it was simply another case of "the Dutch capturing Holland."

In the interview with Senator Hansbrough which we quoted yesterday from the Washington correspondent of the Philadelphia Ledger he dilated on the progress made by Senator Wolcott's commission, and following the cue given by the President dwelled on the co operation of France, when both he and the President know that there is no more prospect of securing the consent of European nations for the coinage of silver than there is of their agreeing to the slice of China that each should have.

The Philadelphia Ledger, from which we quoted yesterday, is a gold organ, but a very conservative and cool headed paper. It is an independent paper politically, with a leaning towards the Republican party, but not leaning enough to color its views or bias its opinions, and therefore it doesn't hesitate to differ from the Republican policies or to criticise their plans. Referring to the prospects for bimetallism by the surrender of Great Britain, and the opening of the India mints it says editorially:

"While the bimetallists in this country have been pointing out that the British Government must soon be forced to re-open the Indian mint for the coinage of silver, the business men of India itself have been learning a different lesson. The Bengal Chamber of Commerce has petitioned the Government not to resume the coinage of silver, but to institute the gold standard for that country. India, it seems, is satisfied with her experience of silver, and wants no more of it."

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce is controlled by the very same influences that controls the Chambers of Commerce in English cities and in cities in this country—that is, the gold power, which controls the banks and the centers from which money is distributed. This same power which, as a creditor, controls its debtors the world over, has systematically labored to blacklist silver and "more thoroughly," as Secretary Gage says, establish the gold standard as the world's standard. It has played its game in Europe until every country there is practically on the gold standard; it played it in this country, in a number of the Central and South American countries, in Japan and was getting ready to move upon China, and not long ago made an unsuccessful attempt in Mexico.

The English gold men and their associates in other European countries are at the bottom of this and yet these Republican fakirs have the check to tell the American people that there is an encouraging prospect of these gold men who have been waging persistent and systematic war upon silver the world over coming into an international conference at the invitation of this country and agreeing to remonetize silver. They have no more idea of doing it than they have of cutting the value of their gold hoards in two, and thus reducing their wealth one-half. England is not going to come into it for English money lenders are now drawing interest in gold on $10,000,000,000 of investments and loans in other countries, and the men who own this money are never going to consent until forced to it that any other money shall legally rank with yellow coin, or that it shall become so plentiful that the world will not be dependent upon that yellow coin. There isn't a Republican statesman or politician who talks about the ultimate success of the co operative action of European nations for silver coinage who does not know this better than he knows the Ten Commandments, and doesn't know that there is not the faintest prospect in the near or remote future of England coming voluntarily into this movement.

But still they declare that we must have the co-operation of Great Britain, without which it would be impossible to inaugurate or successfully carry out that movement. If they were honest and were not engaged in a scheme to humbug the American people with this transparent fraud they would confess the hopelessness of "international agreement" and if they be for bimetallism they would show their sincerity and honesty by boldly declaring for it as the American policy, and stand by it without asking the consent or co-operation of European nations.

MINOR MENTION.

It is said that when men get rich in Chicago they go to New York to enjoy life. The New York "World" recently published a list of thirty or forty wealthy men of Chicago, who had made their fortunes there, who are now residents of New York. As rich Chicago people go to New York to spend their money, so rich Americans are in the habit of going to Europe to spend their money, or a good deal of it, every Summer. The outgo of tourists was not as large the past Summer as usual, the number being about 30,000, but it is estimated that they left on the other side about $45,000,000 in gold, and we do not suppose that this includes the purchases they made, of which it isn't easy to get a record. This Summer touring abroad has been going on for many years, and has grown to colossal proportions since the war. It has become fashionable, and when a thing becomes fashionable, fashionable people have to do it. Compliance with this fashion, for that is really what it is with most of the tourists, has cost this country many hundreds of millions of dollars, which if expended at home would have done an immensity of good, instead of the harm it has done by being taken abroad and put into European coffers.

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Our Raleigh correspondent informs us that the Railway Commission has resolved to enforce the anti-railroad pass law and as an evidence that it is in dead earnest returned some deadhead annuals sent its members by one of the State roads. This is a cause for congratulation, not because it deprives our State dignitaries of the privilege and pleasure of riding dead head, but because it will relieve them from temptation which has proved too strong for them in the past and might do so again, and from the danger of being seduced when they are struggling to be virtuous. Our distinguished Governor fell a victim tim to the irresistible fascinations of the pasteboard and loaded his pocket with them and so did Hon. Marion Butler who, however, had the advantage of the Governor, who didn't happen to be also an editor and couldn't play that dodge as a pass catcher, but had to take refuge behind the they-all-do it plea. It is gratifying to learn that the R. R. Com. is coming to the rescue and will put its protecting shield between them and danger and see that no more dead head missiles hit them. Being thus forewarned of course the railroads will behave themselves and cease tempting our State dignitaries to become passive violators of the law.

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There is not much probability of the United States becoming involved in the Chinese imbroglio, but conditions may arise in which the active interference of this country would not only be justifiable, with a due regard for our uniform policy and traditions, but necessary. China is at present a good market for American products and prospectively a great one. The nations of the world have for some time been contesting for the vantage ground in that immense and densely populated empire and this is one of the inspiring motives in the grabbing schemes now going on. At present with her trans-Siberian railway Russia is in the lead, and this is stirring up her rivals which feel that both their prestige and commerce are imperilled. If the game should be carried to the extent of the partition of China between these rival powers, each would dominate the commerce of its acquisitions and that would mean an end to the commercial progress of this country in that direction. This is what interests the United States, and this is why aside from any sympathetic interest we may take in China which seems to be helpless in the hands of these plundering nations, we are very much interested in the grab game they are now playing.

The color line has been drawn in Minnesota. The Legislature some time ago passed a law requiring that oleomargarine be colored pink, and one of the judges has pronounced it constitutional.

During the month of last October, according to the report of the Treasury Department, $159,504,881 worth of goods were carried into and out of American ports, and only $12,335,810 worth in American vessels, while British ships carried $102,000,000 and German ships $14,500,000. Republican papers account for this poor showing for American ships by saying that during the war the Sumter, Alabama and other Confederate cruisers swept our merchant marine from the seas. If so, what has been the matter since those awful sea-wipers retired from business? The Republican statesmen have had thirty two years to repair the havoc these cruisers made, but instead of this they have been engaged in finishing up what the cruisers left undone.

Judge Keough, of New York, the other day gave the assessors a rasping for under-valuation of property, and instructed the grand jury to look after them. The g. j. did, and the result is that after the assessors and the grand jury came to an understanding the Judge found his assessment raised from $30,000 to $110,000. If he had it to do over again, perhaps he would modify his strictures.

A St. Louis man has sent President McKinley a piece of the platform from which his nomination was announced. He should also send him a piece of the platform on which he stood when he was nominated, for the Republican statesmen are making splinters out of that.

CURRENT COMMENT

—— The consumers of Chicago beef and pork need not become unduly gay over Phil Armour's discomfiture. They will assist in making good his losses.—Washington Post, Ind.

—— From the manner in which the President is turning the gold Democrats out of office it is easy to infer that he is of the opinion that the welfare of the country can be protected without the presence of their names on the salary lists.—New York Journal, Dem.

—— The talk that Judge Lochren did not reduce the pension robbery, is nonsense. He cut it down $14,000,000, in a single year. But for his vigorous exposures of the rottenness of the laws, and the roll made pursuant thereto, the pensioners would now number, at least 1,200,000 and the pension bill would be $200,000,00 a year, or to say $60,000,000 bigger than it already is. Lochren could not repeal the laws that have promoted fraud, but he could, and he did, enforce them with some reference to justice for the people who pay the pension piper.—Chattanooga Times, Dem.

—— Japan has performed a kind of commercial hari-hari. In addition to a deficit of $45,000,000 since she changed her silver unit, her cotton industry is declining. We learn, from the Salt Lake Tribune that several mills that were projected have been abandoned, or removed to China. The gold standard in Japan gives already 12 per cent. advantage to China, and unless the four great powers of Europe tear that country to pieces in the next few months, and kill the awakening that has begun there, in five years more, Japan will not, in an industrial, way, be in it any more.—Augusta Chronicle, Dem.

Diseases often lurk in the blood before they openly manifest themselves. Therefore keep the blood pure with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

TWINKLINGS.

— "Christmas comes but once a year," said Uncle Eben; "but dat orter ter put limitations on the peace an' good wil. De folks dat make dem is right here all de time."—Washington Star.

— Away Back—Friend—"Then it is not a play of the present day, is it?"

Playwright—"Oh, no! The scene is laid in Harlem at the beginning of the rapid transit movement."—Puck.

— Freddy—"There's one thing about Damleigh. He always says what he means."

Daddy—"I know. But then there's no meaning in anything he says."—Boston Transcript.

— Poignant Reminders—"We have corn bread all the time now."

"Why?"

"My husband lost so much on wheat that it makes him weep to see a biscuit."—Chicago Record.

— Young Mother—"What do you think of the baby? Isn't it a little peach?"

Bachelor Brother—"Oh, yes, of course; and you ought to be thankful that it isn't a pair."—Chicago News.

— "Of course," observed Xerxes, the King, "my will is law."

"Doubtless," answered the wise man of the court, after consulting a few authorities "That is to say, if your Majesty doesn't leave too large an estate."—Chicago Record.

Stern Parent—"So you wish to marry my daughter, eh? How are you fixed financially?"

Young Man—"I haven't much cash, but I have expectations."

Stern Parent—"Yes, of course; but in case I should live longer than you expect, how are you going to support her?"—Brooklyn Life.

— "Thirteen is an unlucky number in all cases," said Jarley.

"I don't know," said Butler. "I would rather have thirteen than twelve dollars."

"I wouldn't," said Jarley. "If I had twelve dollars I'd spend only twelve, but if I had thirteen I'd spend thirteen."—Harlem Life.

Something to Know.

It may be worth something to know that the very best medicine for restoring the tired out nervous system to a healthy vigor is Electric Bitters. This medicine is purely vegetable, acts by giving tone to the nerve centres in the stomach, gently stimulates the Liver and Kidneys, and aids these organs in throwing off impurities in the blood. Electric Bitters improves the appetite, aids indigestion, and is pronounced by those who have tried it as the very best blood purifier and nerve tonic. Try it. Sold for 50c or $1.00 per bottle at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store.

CASTORIA.

The fac-simile signature of Chas. H. Fletcher is on every wrapper.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Elizabeth City Carolinian: The work on the Dismal Swamp Canal is rapidly progressing. The old locks at South Mills have been taken up and are being replaced by one 40 by 323 feet, which will accommodate vessels of 39 feet beam, drawing ten feet of water. Work will soon begin at the Culpepper lock, taking it out, and let the dredges come down in the low level toward South Mills. A new bridge will be built at New Canal—one that will turn both ways.

— Greenville Reflector: Died suddenly at his home near Falkland, in this county, on the night of the 26th inst., Mr. J. H. Peebles. Mr. Peebles was an elder in the Falkland Presbyterian church, and was well known and highly esteemed in this county. —— There was a general row on the Greene place, near Quinerly, Thursday night before Christmas, in which several parties took a hand. Hardy Higgins struck Will Greene on the head with a gun, injuring Greene so badly that he died next morning.

— Salisbury World: Tuesday evening about 6 o'clock, at the Rowan county convict camp, Mr. W. H. Huff, Sr., one of the guards, was shot and fatally injured by Mr. J. D. L. Klutts, another member of the guard force. It is said that after the shooting Klutts went within half a mile of home and wrote a note to his wife, in which he stated that be was going to the bushes. Sheriff Monroe this morning learned that the wanted man intended coming to town and giving himself up to day. A plea of self defence will be made by Klutts.

— Greensboro Telegram: Winston was thrown into a fever of excitement by a sensational killing Wednesday. Jno. W. Harrison, who is a clerk in the store of Rosenbacker & Bro., shot and instantly killed Paul Stockton, a street car motorman, at noon. The ball took effect in Stockton's left eye. The trouble grew out of alleged improper relations of Stockton with Harrison's wife a year ago. After the killing Harrison surrendered himself to the authorities, and it is understood that he will put in the plea of self defence. Both parties are highly connected.

— Charlotte Observer: On last Monday evening at 6 o'clock the little village of Leo, Stanley county, was thrown into great excitement and sadness. For a long time Crowson Hartsell, 18 years of age, had been the devoted lover of Miss Jennie Furr, an estimable young lady of the neighborhood. It was generally understood that his affections were not reciprocated. He was worried over the matter and talked of killing himself, though no one thought him to be serious. At the time above stated, he was in the presence of Mrs. Ezekiel Morgan, and drew his revolver from his pocket and shot himself through the heart.

—Kinston Free Press: Alfred Adams, colored, was killed last Friday night between Kinston and the iron bridge. He was returning home in a wagon with a lot of other negroes. The coroner's jury, after hearing the evidence, certified that to the best of their knowledge and belief, that Henry Adams came to his death from a gunshot wound at the hands of Henry Aldridge. There was no testimony to show that there had been any ill-will between the deceased and Alridge, who lived on Mr. Sam Loftin's place, about five miles from Kinston. It is therefore probable that the killing was accidental, as claimed by Alridge. Alridge was confined in the county jail. After hearing the evidence, Judge Allen bound him over to next term of Superior court in the sum of $600. Mr. Sam Loftin stood Alridge's bond and he is now at liberty.——Hilliard More, colored, was cut by Ivey Moore, colored, on Mr. Shade Jackson's plantation, a few miles from Kinston, last Thursday. Hilliard was stabbed in the side into the apex of the heart. It seems that Hilliard had been imposing on Ivey for a long time. Both are boys about seventeen years old. Dr. J. M. Parrot attended the wounded negro, and thinks he will recover.

If Dickens Had Lived.

How swift was the blow that struck Dickens down on that summer's day in 1870! Rich, happy, universally honored, rejoicing in his prosperity and in his power of giving pleasure to others, he worked faithfully to the last. Toward the close of his life his labors as a novelist had been somewhat interrupted, and from 1861, when "Great Expectations" was completed, until 1870 only one novel had come from his busy pen, and that not one of the best. But in that latter year (or, rather, in the close of 1869), after months of the most untiring exertions, traveling, lecturing and reading, he turned again to his true vocation and began "The Mystery of Edwin Drood."

There is no trace of fatigue in it, no sign of lessening vitality. He was working on the ground that he had made his own and he was happy in his work. On the morning of the 8th of June, 1870, he had been writing in the little chalet in the grounds of his house, at Gads Hill, writing cheerfully, hopefully. Contrary to his usual custom he had resumed work after luncheon, and continued through the greater part of the afternoon. Then he walked back to the house he was never again to leave alive.

He had made an appointment with a friend in London for the following day, but it was never kept. By the evening of the 9th he was dead, leaving "The Mystery of Edwin Drood" a mystery still, though one, it may be, that does not need much unraveling.—Macmillan's Magazine.

Some Gigantic Crystals.

If you are a fancier of mineral specimens, you probably treasure one or more three or four inch crystals and fondly imagine that they are of unusual size. As common cabinet specimens go, they are certainly large enough, but as compared with real large mineral crystals they are as a mouse compared with an elephant. At the town of Grafton, N. H., they find the largest crystals known to the geologists and mineralogists. How large do you suppose these giants are? One, two or three feet long? Well, I guess so. A single specimen from that locality taken to Boston and deposited in the museum of the Society of Natural History weighed nearly 2¼ tons! Another, found at the same place, is the largest crystal in the world, so far as is known. It is a perfect six sided prism, having a circumference of 12 feet. Three weeks' labor by two men was expended in exposing this giant of the mineral kingdom. The crystal is of beryl, and, according to estimates made by experienced quarrymen, weighs not less than five tons.—St. Louis Republic.

A GHOSTLY RACE.

"Do you have to carry a lamp to ride here nights?" I asked.

"Tain't necessary," said the hotel keeper.

"Thanks," I called back as I dropped into the saddle. A few minutes later I was skimming past the isolated houses on the outskirts of the village. The night was an ideal one for a cyclist. The breeze was cool and gentle, and as the moon climbed higher flickering black shadows danced to and fro on a road of milky whiteness. I passed a couple of merry wagon parties, and then as I sped along the winding pike the signs of civilization grew fewer until only the well kept thoroughfare served as a reminder of the hand of man. Now, the woods on either side of the road became more frequent, and I shot along under long archways of trees.

Soon I entered another avenues of trees. I hummed softly to myself a few snatches of song and was in the gayest of spirits. Then I became aware of a presence at my side.

I swerved violently and missed by a hair's breadth a collision with a wheelman who had noiselessly overtaken me. So startled was I that I uttered an angry exclamation as I recovered myself. The strange rider shot ahead a few feet and then dropped back at my side. A sharp rebuke was on my tongue, when I checked myself and sought a closer glimpse of my unbidden companion. He held his place at my side with no apparent exertion, although our pace was rapid, and I soon became aware that his conduct was, to say the least, peculiar.

Bent low over a pair of racing handle bars, his face was screened from view in the uncertain light. As accurately as I could discern, he was garbed in a suit of black tights. On his head was a close fitting cap. His figure was tall, slender and athletic. But what most attracted my attention was his wheel, which seemed to be of such marvelously fine construction that it slipped along without the click of a chain link or the creak of a saddle nut. He rode so close to me that I could have touched him by putting out my hand, yet never once did he raise his head or by word or sign give indication that he was aware of my presence.

Side by side we shot out into an open stretch of road. That I was being used as a pacemaker soon became evident. It nettled me when I found that every time I slackened speed he did likewise, and every time I pedaled more rapidly he held his position at my elbow. His conduct and his silence disturbed my peace of mind, and I decided to rid myself of his company. I increased the pace slowly at first, and when we reached a slight incline I let out a few links more and shot up the grade at top speed. My emotion upon reaching the top of the hill was that of chagrin when I found him still at my side, his head bent low, his legs working with the ease and precision of piston rods. I held the pace until I panted for wind, but the black rider was apparently tireless. A dozen times I was on the point of speaking, and finally I blurted:

"Fine night."

He made no answer, nor even turned his head. I was astonished beyond measure and felt my anger slowly rising. The pace did not slacken—rather it increased—yet never for an instant did our positions vary an inch. Through woods and over hills we flew. The perspiration rolled off my forehead and into my eyes until they smarted, yet the stranger gave no signs of distress. A heart breaking hill loomed ahead, and I summoned energy for a supreme effort. My wheel swayed and shivered under the strain as I shot up the incline, but my companion never faltered. When we reached the summit, he was still gliding at my side like a shadow. A steep descent followed, and we rushed down at unabated speed.

I looked ahead and perceived several hundred yards in advance a small lake which the road encircled after an abrupt turn to the right. I also perceived that a narrow footbridge devoid of handrail crossed the pond where the highway curved. I glanced at the strange rider. His gaze seemed bent upon the ground, as though he were oblivious of any impending danger. The situation was becoming critical. We could never make the turn at the speed at which we were traveling, yet the grade was so steep and the distance so short that to slow down was impossible. To cross the bridge was the only chance, yet there was room for but one abreast, and who would give way? Dogged and angry, I resolved that I would not. Fifty yards more and we would be upon it. I bent lower and rode like a demon. Twenty-five yards, and I had gained not an inch.

"Give way!" I called hoarsely, and I gripped my handle bars until it seemed as if the steel must crumble in my fingers. Five yards more and then disaster must come. Suddenly the stranger shot out, and, with a clatter and never a check in our furious career, we were upon the narrow structure, my wheel lapping his by several inches.

Then, to my horror, the black rider sat erect and slackened speed. I yelled with terror and back pedaled until my chain screeched and groaned over the sprocket as though it would part. The wheels now lapped by a foot, and the crash would be in an instant. I remember seeing the black rider turn and sway in his saddle like a drunken man. There was the flash of a ghastly white face, and I shut my eyes and waited for the shock.

Loose boards rattled under my wheel. There was a jolt, and I felt myself shoot out upon the road. I glanced back. There in the cold, white moonlight was the marshy lake, the narrow footbridge, the nodding trees. Nothing more. The black rider had vanished.

A wild terror seized me. How I reached the hotel I could never afterward remember, for I went over the same road two days afterward, and it was utterly strange to me. All I recall is that I reeled into the yard. Then there was a blank until I found myself lying on a bench with a curious crowd of men gathered around me.

"You fellers always ride fit ter kill yerselves," said a man. "What! You came over the little bridge? There was a city feller drowned in that pond one night last summer. We found him and his wheel in three foot of water the next day."—Brooklyn Eagle.

High Hats and Prices.

"If I do not have the exact change, I have invariably to pay 15 cents for a drink even in a 10 cent saloon," said a man who habitually wears a high hat, which never appears to be new. "Yesterday, for example, I offered a quarter in payment for a cocktail for which I had paid 10 cents a few days before, as usual. I got back but a dime. When I mentioned the price of my previous cocktail, the saloon keeper said:

"'You asked for the best whisky, didn't you?'

"I hadn't, but there was no use in kicking. When I told my grocer, who knows the saloon keeper, of the episode, he said it was because of my high hat that I was overcharged. Although I said the hat was too old to give an impression that its wearer was wealthy, he insisted that he was right.

"'Either wear a derby, or always carry a dime with you when you go for a drink,' he said. 'It's the high hat that does it.' I intend to take his advice as to the dime or patronize a 15 cent saloon. What I object to is paying 15 cents for a 10 cent drink."—New York Sun.

Household Gods.

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ECONOMY OF SPACE.

A Great Power Generating Station Which Covers but Little Ground.

Probably no other kinds of power plants afford better illustrations of the tendency to concentration than some of the modern splendidly equipped electric stations in large cities, where ground area has closely approached the maximum in value, and in which, therefore, economic considerations have dictated the putting of as much generating apparatus into as little space as human ingenuity would permit, with due regard to satisfactory performance. In some of these stations vertical engines and boilers in large units have been installed to the entire exclusion of horizontal designs, and in others, again, the saving in ground space thus secured has been still farther augmented by setting engines and boilers in tiers, one above the other, giving a ratio of horsepower per square foot of ground area which a decade ago would have been thought quite beyond the limits of possibility.

In probably no station in the world has this concentration been carried out to greater degree, or to as great a one even, as in that of the Edison Electric Illuminating company in Duane street, in the city of New York. The ground covered by this measures 200 by 74 feet, and within this area provision has been made for nine 2,500 horsepower engines, two of 1,250 horsepower each and three of 600 horsepower, giving a total of very nearly 27,000 horsepower, with a corresponding boiler plant, or only a little less than two horsepower per square foot. It would seem, indeed, as though economy in space could not well be carried much farther.—Cassier's Magazine.

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BAGGING—		
2 ℔ Jute	@	6½
Standard	@	7½
WESTERN SMOKED—		
Hams ℔ ℔	12 @	14
Sides ℔ ℔	6 @	7½
Shoulders ℔ ℔	6 @	7½
DRY SALTED—		
Sides ℔ ℔	@	5¼
Shoulders ℔ ℔	@	5½
BARRELS—Spirits Turpentine—		
Second-hand, each	1 00 @	1 10
New New York, each	@	1 20
New City, each	@	1 20
BEESWAX ℔ ℔	@	22
BRICKS—		
Wilmington ℔ M	6 00 @	7 00
Northern	9 00 @	14 00
BUTTER—		
North Carolina ℔ ℔	15 @	18
Northern	18 @	28
CORN MEAL—		
Per Bushel, in sacks	44 @	45
Virginia Meal	41 @	45
COTTON TIES—℔ bundle	@	85
CANDLES—℔ ℔—		
Sperm	18 @	25
Adamantine	8 @	10
CHEESE—℔ ℔—		
Northern Factory	10 @	11
Dairy, Cream	@	11
State	10½ @	12
COFFEE—℔ ℔—		
Laguyra	20 @	
Rio	7½ @	10
DOMESTICS—		
Sheeting, 4-4, ℔ yard	@	5½
Yarns, ℔ bunch	18 @	20
EGGS—℔ dozen	15 @	16
FISH—		
Mackerel, No 1, ℔ barrel	22 00 @	30 00
Mackerel, No 1, ℔ half-barrel	11 00 @	15 00
Mackerel, No 2, ℔ barrel	16 00 @	18 00
Mackerel, No 2, ℔ half-barrel	8 00 @	9 00
Mackerel, No 3, ℔ barrel	13 00 @	14 00
Mullets, ℔ barrel	3 00 @	3 50
Mullets, ℔ pork barrel	@	6 50
N C. Roe Herring, ℔ keg	3 00 @	3 25
Dry Cod, ℔ ℔	5 @	10
" Extra	3 35 @	3 50
FLOUR—℔ barrel—		
Low grade	@	3 75
Choice	@	4 75
Straight	@	5 00
First Patent	5 25 @	6 00
GLUE—℔ ℔—	7½ @	8½
GRAIN—℔ bushel—		
Corn, from store, bags—White	@	45
Car load, in bags—White	@	44
Oats, from store	32½ @	35
Oats, Rust Proof	@	40
Cow Peas	@	55
HIDES, ℔ ℔—		
Green	@	6
Dry	@	8
HAY, ℔ 100 ℔s—		
Clover Hay	80 @	85
Rice Straw	@	50
Eastern	@	90
Western	@	85
North River	@	75
HOOP IRON, ℔ ℔	1½ @	2
LARD, ℔ ℔—		
Northern	5½ @	6
North Carolina	6 @	10
LIME ℔ barrel	1 15 @	1 25
LUMBER (city sawed), ℔ M feet—		
Ship Stuff, resawed	18 00 @	20 00
Rough-edge Plank	15 00 @	16 00
West India cargoes, according to quality	13 00 @	18 00
Dressed Flooring, seasoned	18 00 @	22 00
Scantling and Board common	14 00 @	15 00
MOLASSES, ℔ gallon—		
Barbados, in hhds	@	26
" " in bbls	@	28
Porto Rico, in hhds	@	26
" in bbls	@	28
Sugar-House, in hhds	12 @	14
" in bbls	14 @	15
Syrup, in bbls	12 @	15
NAILS, ℔ keg, Cut, 60d basis	@	1 50
PORK, ℔ barrel—		
City Mess	9 25 @	9 50
Rump	@	9 25
Prime	@	9 25
ROPE, ℔ ℔	10 @	22
SALT, ℔ sack Alum	@	1 10
Liverpool	@	80
Lisbon	@	
American	40 @	80
On 125 ℔ Sacks	@	40
SHINGLES, 7-inch, ℔ M	5 00 @	6 50
Common	1 80 @	2 25
Cypress Saps	2 50 @	3 50
SUGAR, ℔ ℔—Standard Granu'd	@	5¼
Standard A	@	5⅛
White Ex. C	@	5
Extra C, Golden	@	4⅝
C. Yellow	@	3⅞
SOAP, ℔ ℔—Northern	3½ @	4
STAVES, ℔ M—W. O. barrel	8 00 @	14 00
R. O. Hogshead	@	10 00
TIMBER, ℔ M feet—Shipping	@	9 00
Mill, Prime	@	7 00
Mill, Fair	6 50 @	4 50
Common Mill	4 00 @	3 50
Inferior to Ordinary	@	3 00
SHINGLES, N. C. Cypress sawed		
℔ M 6x24 heart	7 50 @	8 50
" Sap	5 00 @	6 00
5x24 Heart	4 50 @	5 00
" Sap	4 00 @	4 50
6x20 Heart	6 00 @	6 50
" Sap	5 00 @	50
TALLOW, ℔ ℔	@	6
WHISKEY, ℔ gallon—Northern	1 00 @	2 00
North Carolina	1 00 @	2 00
WOOL ℔ ℔—Unwashed	8 @	15

COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET

STAR OFFICE, December 30.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Nothing doing.

ROSIN—Market firm at $1 15 per bbl for Strained and $1 20 for Good Strained.

TAR—Market firm at $1.05 per bbl of 280 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Market quiet; $1.40 per barrel for Hard, $1.90 for Dip and 1 90 for Virgin.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine firm, 24½, 24c; rosin firm, $1 45, 1 50; tar quiet, $1 00, crude turpentine dull, $1 40, 1 90, 1 80.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits Turpentine	46
Rosin	430
Tar	255
Crude Turpentine	13

Receipts same day last year—61 casks spirits turpentine, 193 bbls rosin, 74 bbls tar, 8 bbls crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market firm on a basis of 5⅛c per pound for middling. Quotations:

Ordinary	3 1 16	cts ℔ ℔
Good Ordinary	4⅜	" "
Low Middling	5 1-16	" "
Middling	5⅛	" "
Good Middling	5⅝	" "

Same day last year, middling 6⅞c.

Receipts—1,674 bales; same day last year, 464.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina—Prime 35@40c per bushel of 28 pounds; Extra Prime, 45c; Fancy, 50c. Virginia—Extra Prime, 45c; Fancy, 50c.

CORN—Firm; 47½@50 cents per bushel.

ROUGH RICE—$1.00@1 05 per bushel.

N C BACON—Steady; Hams, 8 to 9c per pound; Shoulders, 6 to 7c; Sides, 7 to 8c.

SHINGLES—Per thousand, five inch, hearts and saps, $1.60 to 2 25; six inch, $2.25 to 3.25; seven inch, $5.50 to 6.50.

TIMBER—Market steady at $3.00 to 8.50 per M.

FINANCIAL MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30—Evening.—Money on call firm at 3½@4 per cent., last loan at 3, and closed offered at 2½@3 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 3½@4½ per cent. Sterling exchange was strong, with actual business in bankers' bills at 484½@485 for demand; 482@483¼ for sixty days. Posted rates 482½@483 and 485½@486. Commercial bills 481½. Silver certificates 57¼@58¼. Bar silver 57⅜. Mexican dollars 46¼. Government bonds were strong; new fours, registered, 127⅞; new fours, coupon, 127⅞; fours, registered, 112½; fours, coupon 114¼; twos, registered, 100 fives, registered 114; fives, coupon, 114⅜. State bonds were dull; North Carolina sixes 125, North Carolina fours 103.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30—Rosin steady. Spirits turpentine firm at 33½@34c.

CHARLESTON, Dec. 30—Spirits turpentine firm at 30½c; no sales. Rosin firm and unchanged; no sales.

SAVANNAH, Dec. 30.—Spirits turpentine closed firm at 30¾c. sales 539 casks; receipts 655 casks. Rosin firm; sales 1,589 barrels; receipts 3,638 barrels; A, B, C, D $1 20, E, F $1 25, G $1 35, H $1 60 I $1 70, K $1 85, M $2 00, N $2 25 W G $2 50 W W $3 00

COTTON MARKETS

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, December 30—To day's market for cotton developed a larger degree of investment than has been shown for some time past. The shorts were also in a buying mood and the market developed an unusual degree of activity for a holiday week. Opening quiet and firm at an advance of 1 to 2 points, speculation broadened and the advance was increased 6 to 8 points. The phases of the general situation were in the main bullish, including continued firmness at Liverpool and a surprising increase in the already unusual spot demand in the English markets spot sales at Liverpool reaching 10,000 bales at an advance of 1-32d. In the afternoon there was considerable liquidation, but the market absorbed the offerings, without yielding to any considerable extent and was finally steady in tone at a net advance of 5 to 7 points.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Evening.—Cotton was dull but steady; middling 5 15 16c.

Cotton futures closed steady, with sales of 110,800 bales; January 5 83, February 5 85, March 5 88, April 5 93, May 5 97, June 6 02, July 6 06 August 6 10, September 6 09, October 6 11.

Spot cotton closed dull but steady; middling uplands 5 15 16c; middling gulf 6 3-16c; no sales.

Cotton—net receipts — bales; gross 9 765 bales; exports to Great Britain — bales; to France — bales; to the Continent 791 bales; forwarded 8 816 bales; sales — bales; sales to spinners — bales; stock (actual) 119 581 bales.

Total to-day—Net receipts 38 701 bales; exports to Great Britain 28 357 bales; to France — bales; to the Continent 8,855 bales; stock 1 215 155 bales.

Consolidated—Net receipts 289 832 bales; exports to Great Britain 69 448 bales; to France 9,984 bales; to the Continent 55,925 bales.

Total since September 1—Net receipts 5,489,958 bales; exports to Great Britain 1,786,665 bales; exports to France 494 559 bales; exports to the Continent 1,481,539 bales.

Dec. 30.—Galveston, firm at 5¼, net receipts 11 994 bales; Norfolk, firm at 5¾, net receipts 2 293 bales; Baltimore, nominal at 5¾c, net receipts — bales; Boston, quiet at 5 15 16, net receipts 869 bales; Wilmington, firm at 5 5 16, net receipts 1,674 bales; Philadelphia, firm at 6 3 16c, net receipts 306 bales; Savannah, quiet at 5 3 16, net receipts 4 551 bales. New Orleans, firm at 5⅝c, net receipts 13 025 bales; Mobile, quiet at 5¼, net receipts 1,488 bales; Memphis, steady at 5⅝ net receipts 4 584 bales; Augusta, steady at 5 9 16, net receipts 472 bales; Charleston, steady at 5 3 16, net receipts 1,097 bales.

PRODUCE MARKETS

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30—Evening.—Flour was dull, easy and lower to sell; Minnesota patents $5 10@5 40. Wheat spot weak; No. 2 red $1 00½; options opened easy and declined under liquidation, large Northwest receipts and poor support, rallied later on heavy clearances but broke a second time under renewed liquidation and closed ¼@1c net lower; No. 2 red January closed 98¼c; May closed 93¼; December closed 1 00. Corn—spot easy; No. 2 35½c; options opened easy with wheat, rallied on clearances and good local buying, but finally eased off under realizing and closed partly ½c net higher; May closed 34¼c; December closed 33⅝c. Oats—spot dull; No. 2 28⅜c; options dull and easier with the other markets, closing ⅛c net lower May closed 28⅝c; December closed 2⅜c. Lard steady; Western steam $4 90. Pork steady. Butter steady; Western creamery 15@22c; do. factory 12@15c. Elgins 22c; imitation creamery 13½@18; State dairy 13@20c; do. creamery 15@21c. Cheese firmer; large white September 8¼@8⅜c. Petroleum dull. Rice steady. Molasses steady. Cotton seed oil steady; prime crude 18@19c; yellow 23c. Coffee—spot Rio dull; No. 7 invoice 6⅝c; jobbing 6⅝c; mild quiet; Cordova 8¼@15c. Sugar—raw stronger; refined strong.

CHICAGO, December 30—At the close of a dull but nervous and irregular wheat market to day May wheat showed ⅛ to ⅜c decline and December was 2c lower. Practically no support was given the market, and very little selling was sufficient to cause sudden and sharp breaks. Other grains and provisions were dull and a trifle easier; corn closing ⅛c lower; oats ¼c lower, and provisions unchanged to 2½ to 5c lower.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30—Cash quotations: Flour—the market was quoted quiet. Wheat—No. 2 spring 87½c; No. 3 spring 75@89c; No. 2 red 93@96¼c. Corn—No. 2, 27c. Oats—No. 2, 23¼c; No. 2 white f. o. b. 24¼@25¼c; No. 3 white f. o. b. 24@25c. Rye—No. 2, 45¼c. Mess pork per barrel $7 80@7 90. Lard, per 100 lbs $4 63½. Short rib sides, loose, $4 35@4 70c. Dry salted shoulders, boxed $4 50@4 75. Short clear sides, boxed, $4 70@4 80. Whiskey, distillers' finished goods, per gallon, $1 19.

The leading futures ranged as follows, opening, highest, lowest and closing: Wheat—December 96, 96, 94, 94¼c; January 93⅜, 93⅜, 91¼, 93⅜c. May 92⅜@92⅝, 93⅜@93, 91¼, 92¼@92¼c. Corn—December 27⅛, 27⅛, 27, 27c January 27⅛c; May 29⅜@29¾, 29⅜, 29⅜, 29⅝c; July 30⅜, 30⅞@31, 30⅜, 30⅝c. Oats—December 22⅞, 22⅞, 22⅜, 22⅝c; May 23⅜@23⅞, 23⅞, 23⅛, 23⅝c. Mess pork, per bbl—January $8 77½, $8 82½, 8 75, 8 77½; May $9 00, 9 02½, 8 95, 8 97½. Lard, per 100 lbs—January $4 62½, 4 65, 4 62½, 4 62½. May $4 77½, 4 80, 4 70, 4 77½. Short ribs, per 100 lbs—January $4 40, 4 40, 4 40, 4 40; May $4 55, 4 57½, 4 52½, 4 55.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 30—Flour dull and unchanged. Wheat dull and easy; spot, month and January 91⅞@91¼c; May 95c bid; steamer No. 2 red 91¼@93¼c; Southern wheat by sample 93@98¼c; do on grade 93@98c. Corn easy; spot and month 33¼@33⅝c; December, new or old, 33½@33⅝; January 33@33¼c; steamer mixed 31½@32c; Southern white corn 33@35c; do yellow 30@34c. Oats quiet but firm; No. 2 white 29¼@30c.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 30.—4 P. M.—Closing cotton—Spot, good business done; prices higher. American middling, fair 3⅝d; good middling 3⅜d; middling 3¼d; low middling 3 1 16d; good ordinary 2 15 16d; ordinary 2 25 32d. The sales of the day were 14,000 bales, of which 2 000 were for speculation and export, and included 13 000 American. Receipts 31 000 bales, of which 26 000 were American. Futures opened quiet and steady with a moderate demand, and closed steady. American middling (l m c): December 3 12 64d buyer; December and January 3 12 64d value; January and February 3 11 64d buyer; February and March 3 11 64@3 12-64d buyer; March and April 3 12 64d buyer; April and May 3 13 64d buyer, May and June 3 14-64@3 15 64d seller; June and July 3 15 64@3 16 64d seller; July and August 3 16 64@3 17 64d seller; August and September 3 17 64@3 18 64d seller; September and October 3 18 64d buyer; October and November 3 19 64 buyer.

MARINE.

ARRIVED.

Br schooner Bartholdi, 299 tons, Grafton, Ponce, P R, master.

Schr Ela G Eells 200 tons, Cushman, Geo Harriss, Son & Co.

Steamship Croatan, 826 tons, McKee, Georgetown, H G Smallbones.

Stmr Frank Sessoms, Ward, Black River, Jas Madden.

Steamer Driver, Robinson, Fayetteville, R R Love.

CLEARED.

Stmr Frank Sessoms, Ward, Black River, Jas Madden.

Steamer Driver, Robinson, Fayetteville, R R Love.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels in the Port of Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 30, 1897.

SCHOONERS.

Bartholdi, 299 tons, Grafton, master.

Ela G Eells, 230 tons, Cushman Geo Harriss Son & Co

Ira B Ellems, 263 tons, Marston, Geo Harriss, Son & Co.

Fred B Belano, 256 tons, Sawyer, Geo Harriss Son & Co.

Robert F Bratton, 63 tons, Harris, Geo Harriss, Son & Co.

Nimrod, 257 tons, Green, Jas T Riley & Co.

Clara, 281 tons, Hatch, Geo Harriss, Son & Co.

D J Sawyer, 326 tons, Kelley, Geo Harriss, Son & Co.

Cora M 187 tons, Mitchell, Geo Harriss Son & Co.

Mabel Darling (Br), 112 tons, Roberts, Geo Harriss, Son & Co.

Roger Moore, 277 tons, Miller, Jas T Riley & Co.

BARQUES.

Falcon (Nor) 390 tons, Ohre, Paterson, Downing & Co.

Poseidon (Nor) 544 tons, Pettersen, Pernambuco Heide & Co.

Hans (Swed), 680 tons, Ebbelson, Heide & Co.

STEAMSHIPS.

Morven (Br), 2860 tons, Ellis, Alex Sprunt & Son.

Hawkhurst (Br), 1538 tons, Watson, Alex Sprunt & Son.

Yearby (Br) 1955 tons, Goldsworthy, Alex Sprunt & Son.

Lucerne (Br). 1227 tons, Wallace, Glasgow, J H Sloan.

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March 8, 1897. Samuel Pitcher, M.D.

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Juvenile Aspiration.

She was an awfully swell woman, exquisite of make up and languishing of manner. The children watched her and listened to her as she conversed with their mamma evidently with wonder and admiration. A little tot of 3 years stood half concealed behind her mother's skirts and bashfully regarded the fashionable visitor. The latter finally got hold of the childish hand and patted it gently, smilingly displaying her own dazzling fingers.

"Haven't you got anything to say to me, my child?"

"'Es ma'am—if oo pease!"

"That's a dear! Now, what is it? Something nice, isn't it?"

"Did oo"—

"Yes, dear?"

"Did oo ever make mud pies?"—Pittsburg Dispatch.

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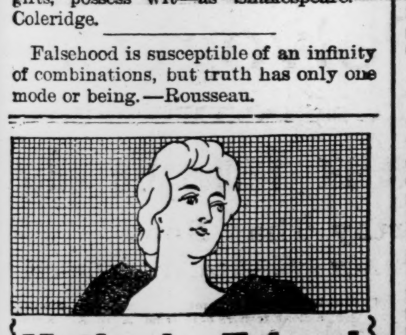
"I think we will keep this one, papa."—Household Words.

Problematical.

"This here new light of Edison's would be a good thing to hev in hotels, I'm thinking," remarked Mr. Hayseed as he blew out the gas. "I wonder if I shall live to see it?"—Chicago Dispatch.

Men of humor are in some degree men of genius. Wits are rarely so, although a man of genius may, among other gifts, possess wit—as Shakespeare.—Coleridge.

Falsehood is susceptible of an infinity of combinations, but truth has only one mode or being.—Rousseau.



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And I a pedestrian.
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Alas, for my sorrow began!
For she ogled at me with a crimson leer,
And her nose was so blue, ah, yes!
Her dress was transparent, her joints very queer;
But, ah, did I love her the less?

Ah, never, no, never, no more
Shall I know of sweet peace, alas!
For my love is a girl of the primary tints,
And she sits on the purple grass.

The sky at her back was magenta and slate,
And the sun a delicate gray;
She was washing herself, I am able to state,
With somebody's soap all the day.
Her arms were too long, and her nose too short,
Her perspective is wrong, I confess;
There was mud in her eye from a small boy's sport;
But, ah, did I love her the less?

Ah, never, no, never, no more
Will she set my heart in a whirl,
For they've covered her up with a Bovril bill,
My beautiful poster girl!
—London Figaro.

IN ALSACE.

Salome stood on the bridge which spanned the foaming stream and gazed dreamily at the mountains beyond and then at the meadows. Salome's cows were slowly coming homeward. In the pasture she could see her sister, Frederika, making the hay. The girl was not lazy, only dreamy. Presently Salome was by her sister's side. Then each one took a bundle of hay and carried it to their father's outhouse, for old Dominic was the forester.

The girls worked on, when Salome's bundle of hay was seized and carried for her. The girl turned surprised, and there was Morand, the young forester. She knew he had come, for her father had expected him. Dominic was to teach him forest ways.

"I thought it was Cousin Joseph," cried Salome, with a smile, and then Frederika laughed. "We were expecting Cousin Joseph. You know he is shut up for weeks in his factory. Joseph cares less for the grand forest and its wild beauty than he does for gardens and their flowers."

"I do not admire his tastes," answered Morand.

Then homeward went the two girls, and the man followed, and as they passed the window of their little house there was the old mother, and Salome kissed her. Frederika stood a little in the background. She now turned back and sought a new bundle of hay. Then Morand ran after Frederika and took her bundle and carried it for her.

Then the father joined the three young people. Now Frederika, who was the practical sister, went into the house to prepare the evening meal.

"Come along, Morand," said the old forester, "the soup will get cold, and we must milk the cows before we go in."

Morand looked in despair. He had never milked a cow in his life. "I have much to learn," muttered he, piteously.

"Supper is waiting," said Frederika. As they hastened on Salome noticed that Morand had stuck in his buttonhole a bunch of flowers. They were crocuses.

"So you like crocuses, M. Morand?"

"I thought you did, Mlle. Salome," he said.

So, for a time, Morand lived with the forester. The harvest was gathered and there was a good stock of potatoes. The winter was coming along, and a cold one, but the family were prepared to face it. Salome's mother required the girl's constant attention.

Joseph came now on every Sunday. He was overseer of the factory in the neighboring little town. Everybody respected Joseph. The young man was the support of his family. Perhaps his visits to his cousins were not as pleasant as before. The fact was, though no one knew it, he was in love with Frederika. Then he felt twinges of jealousy. He was uncertain whether Morand liked Salome or Frederika.

"Besides," thought Joseph, "he will soon get his nomination to be forester elsewhere. A few months' patience! I shall speak to my uncle, and Frederika will not say me nay."

Morand watched Frederika from morning till night, engaged in her household cares.

"The time will come," he said softly to himself.

One night the moon shone in through the frosty windows. Salome sat at the foot of the bed, watching her sleeping mother.

"She looks less pale than yesterday," thought Salome. "Perhaps father is right. She will revive in the spring."

Morand and Frederika were laughing together—sometimes even her father, too—but Salome only sat and watched her mother.

"Take care, my child, take care," the mother feebly murmured, as the listless hand dropped, and over the beloved features came a solemn, terrible beauty. Salome uttered a sharp cry and lost consciousness.

When she came to herself, she was beside the kitchen, Morand alone sitting near her.

"Thank God, my child, your mother was not alone when she died!" she heard her father say.

Morand at once found the means of sending the sad news to Joseph, and Joseph came at once. It was a bitter cold day when the mother was buried in the village graveyard. It was terrible work making their way through the deep snow. It was Joseph who gave Frederika his hand and Morand supported Salome.

"Why, why," Salome said to herself a thousand times, "did my poor mother bid me 'take care?'"

Father Dominic seemed to take now no interest in passing events. His wife was dead.

Then an unusual thing happened. Dominic wrote a letter, and Morand went to the village to post it. In a week afterward Morand had a letter, and he read that he had an appointment as forester in another part of the country—or, should he prefer it, he might remain as Dominic's assistant.

Morand hesitated. The old forester, who had guessed the contents of the letter, had turned aside.

Salome watched both with evident anxiety. Frederika, busy preparing dinner, was the only one who took no heed.

Morand met Salome's inquiring eyes. "I am appointed forester to a place fairly well paid, but a long way from here."

"A long way from here," repeated the old man. "I begged that favor. I wanted to keep you here. I am not the man I once was. My strength does not come back with the spring. I think she must have taken it away with her, all my courage and all my hope."

His daughters tried to comfort him, but he shook his head without replying. Morand precipitately escaped from the room.

When the young man came back, his dinner had been laid for him only. But Frederika had taken care that all should be quite comfortable for him, even more so than usual, and she was in the kitchen alone. Morand seized her hands.

"If I go to that faroff place, will you go with me?"

"Wherever you like," said she simply.

She had hitherto been too busy to think of love. But when Morand took her in his arms a deep joy took possession of poor Frederika.

At this moment the door opened and Salome entered. Frederika hastily drew back, but her hands were still clasped in her lover's, and Salome saw it.

"Sister!" said Morand, with a smile.

Amazement, almost stupor, was written on the poor girl's white face. All she muttered was, "Does father know?"

"Not yet," answered Morand. "I was just going to look for him in the forest."

When later the father came home, Frederika simply said to him: "Morand loves me. He wishes me to be his wife."

"God bless you both," said Dominic, and then he asked, "Do you stay or go?"

The father then thought for a moment and added, "Yes, we must expect that you will want a home of your own. That is right. You know pretty well what are the duties of a forester. It is hard for me to part with both of you, but it is better so."

So Morand understood, to his great joy, that he had won, not only his wife, but his independence. Salome and her father went out together. "Thou shalt be wholly my own," he said tenderly. "Thou shalt replace all whom I have lost."

Salome helped her sister to arrange her wedding dress silently, but energetically. She seemed to have quaffed in one draft her bitter cup, to have cut off her right hand and plucked out her right eye. Salome was bent on rooting out of her soul a love which, however innocent at first, was innocent no longer. Salome watched and prayed night and day.

Joseph was at the wedding. When he asked for a holiday, it was with so dull a face that his master inquired, laughingly, whether he was off to a marriage or a funeral.

Joseph's secret was tolerably well guessed, but the bridegroom was not jealous.

The young couple were gone. The forester's cottage had become silent. Once Salome used to sing at her work; now she worked without singing. It was with difficulty that she remembered little details of housekeeping, so easy to Frederika.

"I am still stout enough to take care of myself, and I want no assistance," said her father. "It was Morand I wanted, but the lad knew better how to shift for himself."

It was the brightest day of the very dull week when Joseph paid his usual visit. He never failed to come early and depart late. He entered, taciturn and cold, arranging on his lap the flowers he had gathered in the forest, great handfuls of which he often took back to his city home. Never once had he exchanged confidences with Salome, yet he felt she understood him. Whether he spoke or not, her presence was a rest to him. She, on her side, began to find the time long between his visits, and each time when Joseph went away she said to him, "You will be sure to come again?"

The clouds were low and the sky gray when Joseph, stick in hand, the next time took his way to the forester's cottage. Streams long frozen came tumbling down the rocks or filtering through the ground. The murmur of waters was heard on every side.

Salome stood at the house door, watching the sudden thaw. Her father was away. She knew Joseph was coming and she felt, she knew not why, glad for that. Then she saw Joseph. She felt like scolding him for having loitered so long. He met her and he laughed. He had been gathering the first spring flowers, but Salome did not laugh.

"You will walk with me, Salome?" he asked. "We may meet your father." And now, chatting, the two went toward the glen.

They reached the stream. Then Joseph stopped, horrified. It was a roaring torrent. Dominic was not there. The water was tearing down the mountain side.

"For the love of God," cried Salome, "let us hurry up! Close by here there is a cottage. A poor woman and her child live in it. They will be swept away."

"How brave and strong she is," thought Joseph. He was certain now that he heard a cry of distress. Yes, there at the window he saw a woman, a child in her arms, and the house was shaking. It would topple over in an instant, and the torrent had to be crossed if they were to be saved. A moment after Dominic was by Joseph's side. The forester at least was safe. Then Joseph, in a loud, clear voice, bade the woman come down. She did so and shrieked when she saw the raging torrent.

Salome fell on her knees upon the bank. Her father stood by her, shouting out advice to the brave fellow, who was already fighting with the torrent.

"That round stone is not firm! There is a hole in the bed of the stream! Brave lad! That stupid woman! She clings to him! She will hinder his getting ashore!"

But Joseph's feet were firm on shore. He was able to make a sign to Salome that he would go straight home with the woman and child.

"Let us hurry back and see that there is a good fire and wine and food," cried Salome.

Meantime Joseph, carrying the child and helping the woman, had succeeded in getting home first. He had not yet changed his clothes, but he had made up the fire, placed the woman in Father Dominic's armchair and wrapped the child in a rug, where it lay, warming its little feet in the hearth and smiling up at its preserver.

Salome stood an instant to watch the pretty sight, then took the child in her arms. "Go, Joseph. Get yourself dried in father's room. You have done enough for one day. You will be ill yourself."

"Then will you nurse me?" and he took her hand.

"Anything you like if you will only go and change your clothes."

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Some months after Joseph and Salome were walking along the banks of the stream. It was Sunday, and the little waves seemed singing a Sunday psalm.

"What a transformation," said Salome, "since the day when you saved that poor woman and her child. How contented she is now. This stream is not more changed than her life, poor soul, thanks to you."

"And our life, too," said Joseph tenderly.

"Yes," answered Salome, pressing her husband's arm, "our storms are passed. The stream flows peacefully on. I understood today that one may yet be happy."

"I understood it a little before you did, perhaps," said Joseph, smiling.—Anthony Hope in Leisure Hour.

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"They were the ordinary Sunday drink meals. My son-in-law's was ordinary in every way; but the waiter had dropped mine, and, picking it up in a hurry, had placed it on the plate upside down. Otherwise, of course, I should never have noticed it. On the bottom of the meal, carved deep into the crust, were the initials 'B. G. R.,' and the date '1896, May 17.' Seventy years old and more that Raines Sunday meal was! The initials were my own, and, as I looked at the figures, almost as fresh as when they were first carved, my memory went back to the bright Sunday in May, 1896, when a friend and I had ridden on our bicycles to the self same 'hotel' and ordered the same drinks and meals. Of course, it was only a coincidence, but it was interesting.

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CONDENSED SCHEDULE.

In Effect November 28th, 1897.

NORTH BOUND.		No. 2 DAILY.
Leave	Wilmington	9 10 a m
Arrive	Fayetteville	12 10 p m
Leave	Fayetteville	12 22 "
Leave	Fayetteville Junction	12 27 "
Leave	Sanford	1 43 "
Leave	Climax	3 47 "
Arrive	Greensboro	4 20 "
Leave	Greensboro	4 30 "
Leave	Stokesdale	5 17 "
Leave	Walnut Cove	5 47 "
Leave	Rural Hall	6 15 "
Arrive	Mt Airy	[illegible] 45 "

SOUTH BOUND.		No. 1. DAILY.
Leave	Mt Airy	8 40 a m
Leave	Rural Hall	10 04 "
Leave	Walnut Cove	10 33 "
Leave	Stokesdale	11 06 "
Arrive	Greensboro	11 55 "
Leave	Greensboro	12 15 p m
Leave	Climax	12 43 "
Leave	Sanford	2 33 "
Leave	Fayetteville Junction	3 56 "
Arrive	Fayetteville	4 00 "
Leave	Fayetteville	4 10 "
Arrive	Wilmington	[illegible] "

NORTH BOUND.		No. 4. DAILY.
Leave	Bennettsville	8 00 a m
Arrive	Maxton	9 02 "
Leave	Maxton	9 07 "
Leave	Red Springs	9 5[illegible] "
Leave	Hope Mills	[illegible] 0 "
Arrive	Fayetteville	[illegible] 40 "

SOUTH BOUND.		No. 3. DAILY.
Leave	Fayetteville	4 51 p m
Leave	Hope Mills	5 07 "
Leave	Red Springs	5 [illegible]3 "
Arrive	Maxton	6 11 "
Leave	Maxton	6 15 "
Arrive	Bennettsville	7 15 "

NORTH BOUND.		No. 16. Mixed. Daily Ex. Sunday.
Leave	Ramseur	6 40 a m
Leave	Climax	8 25 "
Arrive	Greensboro	9 17 "
Leave	Greensboro	9 35 "
Leave	Stokesdale	11 07 "
Arrive	Madison	11 55 "

SOUTH BOUND.		No. 15. Mixed Daily Ex. Sunday.
Leave	Madison	12 35 p m
Leave	Stokesdale	1 25 "
Arrive	Greensboro	2 45 "
Leave	Greensboro	3 15 "
Leave	Climax	4 25 "
Arrive	Ramseur	6 10 "

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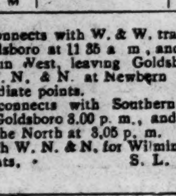

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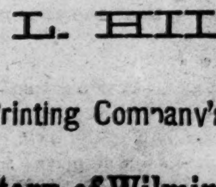

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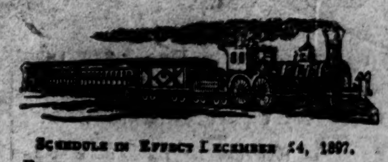

SCHEDULE IN EFFECT DECEMBER 24, 1897.

DEPARTURE FROM WILMINGTON—NORTHBOUND.

DAILY 9.35 A M — No. 48—Passenger—Due Magnolia 11 03 a m, Warsaw 11.15 a m, Goldsboro 12 05 a m, Wilson 12 55 p m, Rocky Mount 1 40 p m, Tarboro 2 45 p m, Weldon 4.33 p m, Petersburg 6.25 p m, Richmond 7 15 p m, Norfolk 6.05 p m, Washington 11.20 p m, Baltimore 1.46 a m, Philadelphia 3.50 a m, New York 6.53 a m, †Boston 3.00 p m.

DAILY 7.15 P M — No. 40—Passenger—Due Magnolia 8.55 p m, Warsaw 9.10 p m, Goldsboro 10.10 p m, Wilson 11.06 p m, †Tarboro 6.45 a m, Rocky Mount 11.57 p m, Weldon 1.43 a m, †Norfolk 10.30 a m, Petersburg 3 14 a m, Richmond 4.10 a m, Washington 7.41 a m, Baltimore 9.03 a m, Philadelphia 11.25 a m, New York 2.03 p m, Boston 9.00 p m.

DAILY except Sunday 2 25 p m — No. 50—Passenger—Due Jacksonville 4 13 p m, Newbern 5 40 p m.

SOUTHBOUND.

DAILY 4.00 P M — No. 55—Passenger—Due Lake Waccamaw 5.09 p m, Chadbourn 5.41 p m, Marion 6.43 p m, Florence 7.25 p m, Sumter 9.10 p m, Columbia 10.30 p m, Denmark 6.12 a m, Augusta 8.20 a m, Macon 11.30 a m, Atlanta 12 55 p m, Charleston 10.55 p m, Savannah 1 50 a m, Jacksonville 7 50 a m, St. Augustine 10.30 a m, Tampa 5.25 p m.

ARRIVALS AT WILMINGTON—FROM THE NORTH.

DAILY 5.50 P M — No. 49—Passenger—Leave †Boston 1.03 p m, *New York 9.00 p m, Philadelphia 12.05 a m, Baltimore 2.50 a m, Washington 4.30 a m, Richmond 9.05 a m, Petersburg 10.00 a m, Norfolk 8.40 a m, Weldon 11.59 a m, Tarboro 12.12 p m, Rocky Mount 12 47 p m, Wilson 2 37 p m, Goldsboro 3.20 p m, Warsaw 4.11 p m, Magnolia 4 24 p m.

DAILY 9.30 a m — No. 41—Passenger—Leave Boston 12 night, New York 9.30 a m, Philadelphia 12.09 p m, Baltimore 2.25 p m, Washington 3.46 p m, Richmond 7.30 p m, Petersburg 8.12 p m, †Norfolk 2.20 p m, Weldon 9.43 p m, †Tarboro 6.01 p m, Rocky Mount 5.45 a m, leave Wilson 6.22 a m, Goldsboro 7.01 a m, Warsaw 7.53 a m, Magnolia 8.05 a m.

DAILY except Sunday 12 15 p m — No. 51—Passenger—Leave Newbern 9 00 a m, Jacksonville 10 26 a m.

FROM THE SOUTH.

DAILY 1.25 p m — No. 54—Passenger—Leave Tampa 8.10 a m, Sanford 3 27 p m, Jacksonville 7 40 p m, Savannah 1 45 a m, Charleston 6.33 a m, Columbia 7.00 a m, Atlanta 8 20 a m, Macon 9.30 a m, Augusta 3.05 p m, Denmark 4.25 p m, Sumter 8.25 a m, Florence 10.05 a m, Marion 10 44 a m, Chadbourn 11 45 a m, Lake Waccamaw 12.16 p m.

†Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Scotland Neck Branch Road leave Weldon 3 55 p m, Halifax 4 30 p m, arrive Scotland Neck 5.20 p m, Greenville 6.57 p m, Kinston 7 55 p m. Returning, leaves Kinston 7 50 a m, Greenville 8.52 a m, Arriving Halifax at 11 18 a m, Weldon 11 33 a m, daily except Sunday.

Trains on Washington Branch leave Washington 8.20 a m and 2 30 p m, arrive Parmele 9.10 a m and 4 00 p m; returning leaves Parmele 9 35 a m and 6 30 p m, arrives Washington 11 00 a m and 7.30 p. m. Daily except Sunday.

Train leaves Tarboro N. C., daily except Sunday, 5.30 p m, Sunday, 4 15 p m, arrives Plymouth 7.40 p m and 6 10 p m. Returning leaves Plymouth daily except Sunday, 7 50 a m, and Sunday 9 a m. Arrive Tarboro 10.05 a m and 11 a m.

Train on Midland N C Branch leaves Goldsboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 7 10 a m; arrive Smithfield N. C., 8.30 a m. Returning, leaves Smithfield 9 00 a m, arrive Goldsboro, N. C., 10 25 a m.

Train on Nashville Branch leaves Rocky Mount at 4.30 p m, arrives Nashville 5.05 p m, Spring Hope 5.30 p m. Returning leaves Spring Hope 8 a m, Nashville 8 35 a m; arrive Rocky Mount 9 05 a m, daily except Sunday.

Train on Clinton Branch leave Warsaw for Clinton Daily except Sunday at 11.20 a m and 4.15 p m; returning leave Clinton at 7.00 a m and 3.00 p m.

Florence Railroad leave Pee Dee 10.17 a m, arrive Latta 10.35 a m, Dillon 10.47 a m, Rowland 11 02 a m, returning leaves Rowland 6 01 p m, arrives Dillon 6.23 p m, Latta 6.46 p m, Pee Dee 7.05 p m, daily.

Trains on Conway Branch leave Hub at 8.30 a m, Chadbourn 11.50 a m, arrive Conway 2 10 p m, leave Conway 2 45 p m, Chadbourn 5.45 p m, arrive Hub 6.25 p m. Daily except Sunday.

Central of South Carolina Railroad leave Sumter 6 27 p m, Manning 6.58 p m, arrive Lane's 6.47 p m, leave Lanes 8.23 a m, Manning 9.05 a m, arrive Sumter 9.35 a m. Daily.

Georgetown and Western Railroad leave Lanes 9.30 a m, 7.55 p m, arrive Georgetown 12 m, 9.14 p m, leave Georgetown 7 a m, 3 p m, arrive Lanes 8.25 a m, 5.25 p m. Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Cheraw and Darlington Railroad leave Florence daily except Sunday 9 55 a m, arrive Darlington 10 28 a m, Cheraw 11 40 a m, Wadesboro 2 25 p m, leave Florence daily except Sunday 8.15 p m, arrive Darlington 8 4[illegible] p m., Hartsville 9 35 p m, Bennettsville 9 33 p m, Gibson 10 00 p m. Leave Florence Sunday only 9 55 a m, arrive Darlington 10 27 a m, Hartsville 11 10 a m.

Leave Gibson daily except Sunday 6 15 a m, Bennettsville 6 41 a m, arrive Darlington 7 40 a m. Leave Hartsville daily except Sunday 6 45 a m, arrive Darlington 7 30 a m, leave Darlington 9 00 a m, arrive Florence 9 25 a m. Leave Wadesboro daily except Sunday 3 p m, Cheraw 5 15 p m, Darlington 6 29 p m, arrive Florence 7 00 p m. Leave Hartsville Sunday only 8 20 a m, Darlington 9 05 a m, arrive Florence 9 25 a m.

Wilson and Fayetteville Branch leave Wilson 2.20 p m, 11.15 p m, arrive Selma 3.15 p m, Smithfield 3.32 p m, Dunn 4.00 p m, Fayetteville 4.47 p m, 1.14 a m, Rowland 6.13 p m, returning leave Rowland 10 02 a m, Fayetteville 12.22 a m, 10.15 p m, Dunn 1.05 p m, Smithfield 1.58 p m, Selma 1.50 p m, arrive Wilson 2 35 p m, 12.19 a m.

Manchester & Augusta Railroad train leaves Sumter 4 29 a m, Creston 5 17 a m, arrive Denmark 6 12 a m. Returning leave Denmark 4 25 p m, Creston 5 31 p m, Sumter 6 25 p m. Daily.

Pregnalls Branch train leaves Creston 5 45 a m, arrive Pregnalls 9.15 a m. Returning leaves Pregnalls 10 a m; arrives Creston 3 50 p m. Daily except Sunday.

Bishopville Branch trains leave Elliott 11.10 a m and 5.05 p m, arrive Lucknow 1 p m and 9.05 p m, Returning leave Lucknow 6 05 a m and 2.00 p m, arrive Elliott 8.25 a m and 3.30 p m.

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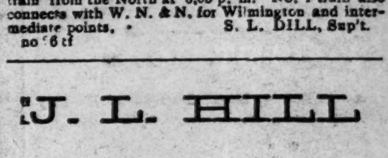

To Take Effect Sunday, Nov. 28th 1897, at 12 M.

GOING EAST. GOING WEST.

3 Passenger Trains Arrive	3 Passenger Trains Leave	STATIONS	4 Passenger Trains Arrive	4 Passenger Trains Leave
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.
....	3 40	Goldsboro	11 05	....
....	4 32	Kinston	10 12	....
5 35	5 45	Newbern	8 57	9 10
6 57	7 03	Morehead City	7 42	7 47
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.

Train 4 connects with W. & W. train bound North, leaving Goldsboro at 11 35 a m, and with Southern Railway train West, leaving Goldsboro 2.00 p. m., and with W. N. & N. at Newbern for Wilmington and intermediate points.

Train 3 connects with Southern Railway train, arriving at Goldsboro 3.00 p. m., and with W. & W. train from the North at 3.05 p. m. No. 1 train also connects with W. N. & N. for Wilmington and intermediate points.

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FRIDAY MORNING, DEC. 31, 1897

GEN. WEYLER'S MEMORIAL.

Says He Is Honored by the Attack Made Upon Him in President McKinley's Message.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

MADRID, Dec. 30.—General Weyler, the former captain general of Cuba, in his memorial to the Queen Regent on the subject of President McKinley's message to Congress, says he is honored by the attack made upon him and that his conduct as governor general was that of a soldier animated by honor and patriotism. Such attacks, therefore, General Weyler adds, will do him no harm, as they are aimed at him, he asserts, simply because he has done his duty. Nevertheless, "since the message contained insulting observations on the Spanish troops in Cuba," he believed it to be his duty to address a protest to the Crown.

General Weyler affirms that the so-called pacificos whom he concentrated in the fortified districts were the prime abettors of the rebellion. The protest of the general is couched in courteous language.

The Spanish newspapers that have published Weyler's protest against President McKinley's message will be prosecuted. The publication had been prohibited on international grounds. It is rumored that General Weyler will be prosecuted. The authorities refuse to transmit the protest to the Queen-Regent through the war office.

FOR KLONDIKE SUFFERERS.

Canadian Mounted Police Will Assist U. S. Forces in the Expedition.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, December 30.—The arrangement effected between Mr. Sifton, the Canadian Minister of the Interior, in behalf of Canada, and the War Department contemplates that the relief expedition shall be executed jointly by the United States army and a force of the mounted police of Canada, which constitutes the military army of the Dominion.

The United States forces will proceed with the relief stores to Skaguay, where they will be joined by the Canadian mounted police, about forty in number, and the two forces will then proceed together to the points where the relief is to be distributed. The determination as to Skaguay is, however, still open. The Canadian officials concede much latitude to the American authorities in the actual distribution, recognizing that the expedition is fitted out on this side, although a considerable part of its work will be done on the Canadian side of the border. No duties will be imposed on the stores carried by the relief expedition. Mr. Sifton left for Ottawa at 4 p. m.

AFFAIRS IN THE EAST.

Reasons Given for the Assembling of the British Squadron at Chemulpo—Russians Pledged to Evacuate Port Arthur.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LONDON, December 31.—The Daily Graphic asserts "on authority" that the British squadron was definitely instructed to assemble off Chemulpo to support a strong British expostulation with Corea on the dismissal of McLeavy Brown, British superintendent of Corean customs, who, under the advice of the British consul, has twice returned the notice of dismissal served upon him.

With regard to Port Arthur, the Daily Graphic asserts that there is every reason to believe the Russians will adhere to their pledge to evacuate at the end of the winter, and there is therefore no ground for complaint on the part of England. Neither does the government regard the occupation of Kiao Chou as calling for action, because British interests are not threatened. According to the Daily Graphic, both the foreign office and the admiralty are agreed upon this point.

LONDON December 31.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Shanghai dated yesterday (Thursday), says: A British fleet of eight ships and four torpedo boats has arrived at Chemulpo, the port of Seoul. It is reported that there are two Japanese cruisers in the Yan-Tse-Kiang river Japan is working night and day and preparing for war. It is believed that the British and Japanese fleets are in close touch.

SUIT FOR SLANDER.

Darrant's Father and Mother Demand $50,000 Damages from a Juror.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

SAN FRANCISCO December 30.—Mrs. Isabella H. Durrant and William Durrant, mother and father of Theodore Durrant, have brought suit for slander against ex Juror Smyth, and demand $50 000 damages from him. The complaint was sworn to by Mr. Durrant. General John H Dickinson and W. W. Foote are the attorneys representing the Durrants in the litigation. The suit grows out of remarks made by Smyth about Durrant, whom he accused of being a moral monster.

IDAHO STAGE ROBBED.

Two Passengers Relieved of Their Money and Mail Sacks Plundered.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

LEWISTON, IDAHO, December 30.—The Lewiston-Mount Idaho stage was held up at 9 o'clock Tuesday night by two highwaymen, one mile from Grangeville. Two passengers were relieved of about $60 and the robbers secured the contents of two mail sacks, but missed the one containing money packages. A vigilance committee has been organized at Grangeville. The robbery is supposed to be the work of the two men who have made attempts within the past week to destroy the town by fire.

IOWA BANK CLOSED.

Found Business Unprofitable—Will Pay Depositors in Full.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

OSKALOOSA, December 30.—The Farmers and Traders State Bank closed its doors to-day. The following card from the directors was displayed: "This bank will receive no more deposits, but will at once pay its depositors in full as fast as their claims may be presented."

The bank had found business unprofitable and it was the sentiment of the great majority of the stockholders to go out of business.

FOR CUBAN SUFFERERS.

Ward Line Steamers Will Convey Supplies Free of Cost.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, December 30.—Assistant Secretary Day has just received a response from the Superintendent of the Ward Line Steamers in New York, in answer to his inquiry as to whether he could announce that his line would convey supplies to Cuba for the relief of the suffering people free of cost. The prompt answer was: 'Will be pleased to accept supplies for Cuban sufferers free of cost. Presume they will be consigned to Gen. Lee."

THE OHIO SENATORSHIP

CONFERENCES FOR A FUSION TO DEFEAT MARK HANNA.

Results Not Altogether Encouraging—Democratic Leaders Not Willing to Enter Into An Arrangement That May Fail of Success.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

COLUMBUS, O., December 30.—This has been a day of conferences with the anti-Hanna Republicans, and from the best information obtainable the results have not been altogether encouraging, although the claims of the faction have not been modified in the least. These conferences have been with the leaders of the Democracy who are in favor of a fusion with the anti-Hanna Republicans to defeat Mr. Hanna. The central figures have been Chas. L Kurtz, leader of the anti-Hanna Republicans, and Allen O. Myers, who is endeavoring to bring the Democratic members-elect of the Legislature into line for the proposed fusion. At these conferences, which began this morning and continued into the night, the Democrats were asked to state just how many of their members they could count upon in the proposed fusion. It is understood that it was stated seven Democratic members had refused positively to vote for any one except a Democrat for United States Senator, not even a free silver Republican. It is also understood that the number of Democrats who will oppose a fusion may be increased to ten or fifteen. It developed that almost the entire Democratic vote of the Legislature will be required on a fusion to defeat Senator Hanna, and the Democratic leaders are not willing to enter into any arrangement which may fail of success. It was determined to summon all the Democratic members to Columbus at once, and telegrams were sent to all of them requesting them to report Friday afternoon without fail, for a conference. Whether the plans for a fusion will be pushed, or some other plan be adopted by Mr. Kurtz, probably will be determined by this conference.

The only Republican members conspicuous at the anti-Hanna headquarters in the Great Southern Hotel to day were Representatives Bramley and Mason, of Cleveland. It was given out that Senator Barke, of Cleveland, would vote with the Democrats in breaking the slate of the Republican caucus in the Senate, but as Mr. Burke has not yet arrived in the city this statement could not be verified.

Maj. Dick, who has charge of Senator Hanna's personal interests, was feeling very confident to-night that the proposed fusion arrangement would be broken. Sentiment among the Republicans of the State is rapidly crystallizing under the vigorous assaults of the Republican newspapers upon Mr. Kurtz and the anti-Hanna movement. It is claimed that if the Anti-Hanna Republicans force a deadlock it will bring more people to the capital city than have ever been here before. The supporters of Mr. Hanna do not admit that any Republican will vote against him, and it is significant that none of the members claimed to be opposed to Mr. Hanna have said publicly that they will not vote for him.

A breeze was created to day by a statement in an evening paper that Mr. Kurtz's lieutenants claimed to have a written pledge from Representative Snider, of Green county, that he would not support Mr. Hanna. Mr. Snider publicly declared last night that he would support Senator Hanna and to-day a delegation of Governor Bushnell's appointees at the Xenia home for soldiers and sailors orphans, which is located in Mr. Snider's home county, arrived in the city and at once began to importune him to change his mind. Mr. Snider was greatly incensed at this interference, which he considered came from an unwarranted source and promptly resented it. To-night he gave out the following statement:

"There appeared a statement in the Columbus Dispatch this evening which not only compromised myself, but the good name of Governor Bushnell as well. Desiring to clear our skirts of any blame for the part which some persons seem to be taking in opposition to the re-election of Senator Hanna to the United States Senate, I sent a letter to Governor Bushnell, and now desire to say publicly that for myself and my county, we shall support Senator Hanna first, last and always, believing that the time has come when anything else is treachery to the Republican party."

CONCERNING RAILROADS.

Receiverships and Foreclosures in the Year 1897.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHICAGO, December 30.—The Railway Age makes the following statement of the receiverships and foreclosures for 1897:

No year since 1887 has shown so few roads or so small mileage confessing insolvency, while compared with the record for any one of the five years immediately preceding 1897, the list of new receiverships in the last year is surprisingly small in respect to the number of lines, mileage and capital involved. In 1893 no less than seventy-four companies with 39 540 miles of road, and $1,781 000,000 of bonds and stock, defaulted in their obligations and were turned over to the control of the courts. In 1897, the number of similarly unfortunate roads was eighteen, their mileage was 1,527 and their capitalization was less than $93,000,000. In 1896 the number of roads was thirty-four, the mileage 5 441, and the capitalization $275,597,000.

SUGAR BEET CULTURE.

Experiments Demonstrate It Would Not Be Profitable for Missouri Farmers.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

COLUMBIA, MO., December 30.—Since 1890 the Missouri experiment station here has been making experiments with sugar beets with a view to ascertaining the per cent. of sugar contained in them. The experiments, it is announced, demonstrate that it would not be profitable for the Missouri farmer to raise the beets for sugar purposes, if he intends to go to the expense of erecting factories for manufacturing the sugar.

A WHISKEY POOL.

Movement Inaugurated by Kentucky Distillers, But Others are Interested In It.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

LOUISVILLE, December 30.—Leading Kentucky distillers have inaugurated a movement for a pool of the big stocks of past years. It is claimed that 500,000 barrels of whiskey will be put into the pool. A common distributor will be employed. The whiskey firms at Cincinnati, St. Louis, Peoria, Chicago and other places are interested in the enterprise which has not yet been perfectly arranged for operation.

The following fourth class postmasters have been appointed in North Carolina:—Arapahoe, Joseph B Lee; Neahville, Joseph G Pyatt.

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CHICAGO WHEAT DEAL.

The Closing Scenes Enacted To-day When About Nine Million Bushels Will Have Been Delivered.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHICAGO, December 30.—The closing scenes of the Leiter deal in December wheat will have been enacted by 2 o'clock to-morrow and the curtain rung down on everything of a speculative nature pertaining to the huge affair.

By that time, too, there will have been delivered about nine million bushels of wheat, if anything like the recent rate of increase in stocks of contract wheat holds good to-morrow. To-day's action of the market and the enormous purchases of December by the Leiter brokers seem proof that there is no December shortage now outstanding. It was this fact as much as anything else which made the trade bearish, despite a very bullish array of news for the day. It is generally expected that the great deal will be wound up without the sensations that were looked for earlier in the month.

The plucky manner in which all of the cash wheat had been taken in by Leiter, and the liberal way in which May had been bought, led to a revulsion in feeling on the curb after the board had closed. The report was current that the British had called out their naval reserves, and the news threw the bears into a panic. The May price was rushed up from 93⅜ to 93⅝c, while "calls" were frantically bid up from 93⅛ to 94⅜c.

WARM WIRELETS.

J. J. Van Baskirk of Medaryville, Ind., while drilling for water struck a good flow of oil of a fine quality and quantity.

An advance of 19¼ per cent. in wages has been granted to employes of the Wick China Company, Kittanning, Pa., and the men will go back to work.

Officers of the steamer Acapulco which has arrived at San Francisco from Central America, say that a general uprising in that country may be anticipated next year.

A Pittsburg dispatch says that another strike of window glass workers which may prevent the general resumption on January 6th is threatened.

LONDON Dec. 31.—A letter from Kobe says: "Military manœuvres of great magnitude were executed in Japan last month for the first time since the war with China."

A dispatch from Lewiston, Maine says: It is conceded that the cotton mills in Maine will fall into line with other New England mills early next month and reduce the wages of operatives.

The Navy Department has ordered the U. S. gunboat Marietta to Salvador, upon report from United States Consul Jenkins that the situation in that country is disturbed and threatening.

Antonio Govin, who has been offered a place as minister of the interior for Cuba by the Spanish Government will not accept. He was the founder of the Autonomist party in Cuba but has no political aspirations now.

Acting Secretary Meiklejohn has given the necessary authorization to General Merritt at New York to fire a salute of one hundred guns from Governor's island on the morning of January 1st to celebrate the birth of Greater New York.

The Secretary of the Treasury with the approval of the President, has issued regulations under the act of Congress signed yesterday prohibiting the taking of seals by American citizens except on the Pribylof islands, and inhibiting the importation into this country of pelagic sealskins.

A Belgian agent at Boma, Congo Free State, Africa, has been sentenced to two years' imprisonment for the murder of his black mistress. He tied his victim to a tree, smeared her with honey and sugar and then left her to the attacks of bees. She died after three days of horrible torture.

William Arnold, second son of Lieutenant Commander Conway of the U. S. N., committed suicide by shooting himself at his parents' residence, Mont Clair, N J. He fell while skating sometime ago, and injured his head. This injury is thought affected his brain, and was the cause of his act.

Jamer McCoy, of Mudrun, near Ripley, West Va., killed his sister in-law Miss Shamblin, by a blow of his fist. He had forbidden her to go to school but she took her books and started. He followed and struck her a heavy blow on the neck, killing her instantly. McCoy has not been arrested.

Julian and Fitzsimmons have named Joe Wolcott, at the middle-weight limit, to meet McCoy, and Peter Maher, to meet Corbett. If McCoy and Corbett win from Wolcott and Maher, Fitzsimmons will meet both of them afterward. These are the only conditions Fitzsimmons will make with McCoy and Corbett.

A Son In the Penitentiary.

"Epigrammatic sentences are interesting, but there is such a thing as being too strongly epigrammatic," said R. F. Barnett of Louisville. "I was going into Louisville from Memphis. On the train was a white haired old lady, with whom chance drew me into conversation. We became quite friendly, and she told me that she was going to visit her son, whom she had not seen for two or three years. He had written a few weeks before, asking her to visit him at Louisville, naming a certain hotel. She arranged her affairs as quickly as possible and went. At the station she was greatly disappointed not to meet her son, and I accompanied her to the hotel. The clerk had not seen him, but gave me a letter for the lady. As soon as she read the first line she fainted, and I hurriedly sent for a physician, picking up the letter. The first paragraph was: 'My Dear Mother—I am now in the penitentiary.' I was shocked, but read further. The next paragraph said: 'I have a good position with the contractors, and it is impossible to get away. Come on to Frankfort. I have already rented a house for us to live in.' It took us three hours to bring the mother to consciousness."—Washington Star.

Julian Scott, Drummer Boy.

The Boston Transcript says that Julian Scott, drummer boy, Company E, Third Vermont volunteers, "received the first congressional medal of honor for bravery at the battle of Lee's Mills, Va., April 16, 1862. His duties did not require him to be present on the field. Learning that four companies of his regiment, including his own, had crossed the creek and were suffering terrible losses, and that many of his comrades were killed and wounded, he started for the scene, forded the creek, and, in the face of a terrible fire and countercharge from the enemy, succeeded unaided in bringing two severely wounded comrades across the creek. A general order was issued by his brigade commander, General 'Baldy' Smith, commending the heroic bravery of this drummer boy. The act of congress granting the medal of honor was passed July 12, 1862, and it is reported that Secretary Stanton was so pleased with the bravery of this boy that as soon as the medals were ready he sent the first one to Julian Scott."

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NEWS FROM RALEIGH.

RAILWAY COMMISSION CALLS FOR REPORTS FROM RAILROADS.

Butler's Conditions for Fusion With the Republicans in the Coming Campaign—County Supervisors' Meeting.

[*Special Star Correspondence.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., December 30.

Butler's condition for fusion with the Republicans in the coming campaign is that Russell's administration be endorsed. This statement has been made by the Senator in Washington and reached Raleigh this morning.

Major H. L. Grant, who arrived here from Goldsboro this morning, was told of Butler's condition of fusion, and he said: "It will never be done. I think there will be co-operation next year, but it will be on terms submitted by Republicans, and on which we can agree. There will be no dictation about it; 999 Republicans out of every 1,000 in the State would not agree to an endorsement of Russell and his State administration."

Maj. Grant, commenting on the Governor's Railway Commission appointments, remarked that the Executive failed to practice what he preached. "If he had been so anxious to carry out reform," said the Major, "he would not have made any appointments, but saved the State $4,000 per annum." Maj. Grant evidently thinks Russell will be the Commission.

Col. A. W. Shaffer left for Washington and the East to-day on business for the State Board of Health.

The Railway Commission is in executive session to day.

The county supervisors convened this morning at 10:40 in the hall of the House of Representatives. President Alderman, of the State University, and other well known educators were in attendance.

R. L. Patton resigns the Baptist pastorate at Statesville, so the Rev. J. E White announces.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

The Railway Commission passed a resolution discharging Assistant Clerk C. C. Fagan. State Senator Sharp, of Iredell, one of three Republicans who voted for the Lease bill, was elected his successor. Abbott voted against Sharp. The new commissioners said Fagan was unloyal to them.

An order was passed requiring railroads to furnish detailed reports of earnings and expenses, quarterly, of main and branch lines. Also, the number of dead-head passes issued.

Superintendent Mebane was elected chairman at the supervisors' meeting, and J. R. Rodwell, Secretary. There was a large attendance, Lieutenant-Governor Reynolds and Dr. Alderman made short talks.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

THE BEST SALVE in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions and positively cures Piles or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by R. R. BELLAMY. †

Causes of Corns and Bunions.

The feet are surely pliant members when they can endure the variformed shoes that from time to time compel them into new habits with each new pair put on, yet they rarely rebel or give real trouble unless barbarously neglected. Corns and bunions are more often the result of wearing old shoes than in a wrong selection of new ones. A constant change of footgear inures the foot to variety, and even those who confine themselves wholly to the ready made article need suffer no ill effects if they will keep their shoe supply as carefully replenished as is the rest of the wardrobe.

It is one of the most fallacious of practices to attempt to economize by wearing old shoes about the house unless they possess all their buttons, have straight heels and soles and are daily brushed and aired, as are their newer fellows. Only in this way may the ankles be continually braced into straightness and the toes allowed to move gently in an almost straight direction. When the foot is thrown out of balance by worn down heels, the toes, attempting to retain a level position, perform prehensile feats which resemble the action of the forebears some scientists have ascribed to us. Moreover, the combined heat and moisture of the normal foot harden the leather of the continuously worn shoe into permanent creases, which in turn render the foot extremely sensitive, and a struggling against its hard environment enlarges the joints and causes local distress.—Harper's Bazar.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

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Bookkeeper Wanted—Address X, STAR office. de 30 tf

Wife—Where did you get this last Tea; it is the best you ever got?—Why, from the Atlantic Tea Co., of course; they always have the best and cheapest Teas and Coffees in the city. Always buy from them at 618 North Fourth street. de 30 tf

Professor O. C, Cogan, the world's Champion Funambulist, will exhibit his marvellous performance on a slender wire across Cape Fear river at Market street dock. Challenge for $5.00. Professor Cogan will challenge any man to pull him off this precarious wire in a fair tug-of-war, on New Year's Day. Commence at 1 o'clock a. m., lasting till 10 p. m. The Professor will respectfully solicit contributions. de 30 1t

Money made and time saved by new process for parching peanuts. I can roast large quantities at a time. I will pay you to let me roast for you. Write for particulars. A. E. Blake, Wilmington, N. C. de 28 tf

Ladies wanted to travel and appoint agents for old established house. Permanent position; $40 per month and all expenses. Z., Box 89, Philadelphia. de 18 D&W tf

Tonsorial Parlor—Shaving and Hair Dressing. Prompt and polite attention. Hair cut 20 cents, shave (without Bay Rum) 10 cents. Wm. Tienken, 17 Princess street. de 17 1m

A word to the wise is sufficient. The best Fruit and Confectioneries, served daintily, can be found at Andrew Mavonichols, 705 North Fourth street. Bell 'Phone 346. Inter-State 191. A large shipment of fine Jamaica Bananas just received. dec 16 tf

Fresh Ground Graham Flour, Big Hominy, N. C. head Rice, choice Hay and all kinds of feed, Lowest prices. Jno. S. McEachern. Bell Phone 92. Inter-State Phone No. 92. de 9 tf

For best prices and prompt returns ship your Country Produce to M. C. Benson, 106 Dock street. Beef Cattle, Milch Cows and Pork a specialty. dec 1 tf

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Country Merchants—You will find it to your interest to ship your Produce, Poultry, Eggs, etc., to H. J. Bierman, Produce Commission Merchant, 105 South Front street, Wilmington, N. C. nov 28 tf

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Always Reliable—The best and freshest goods at lowest market prices. Cabbage, Apples, Butter, Bananas, Crackers, Candies, Lemons, Potatoes, etc. Retailers will find it to their advantage to ask my prices before placing their order. A. E. Winstead, 115 Second street. Phone 208. sep 21 tf

Onward, March!

Is the command given to the manufacturers of Stoves, and right nobly they have obeyed it. There is scarcely a better Stove in the market than the

Magic Air Tight or the Regal Franklin.

Perhaps there is none better, and we won't take time to enlarge on their merit.

Our PENINSULAR STEEL RANGE and NEW PROCESS OIL HEATER are still in the lead.

Holiday present seekers will find it to their interest to give us a call before making their purchases. A full line of Pocket and Table Cutlery, Prune Knives, &c.

J. W. Murchison,

Orton Building, Wilmington, N. C. de 19 tf

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Business For Sale.

A VALUABLE MERCANTILE BUSINESS, consisting of Stock, General Merchandise, Store Fixtures and Store House to rent three years with the privilege of five or more years, being the best-located and run by the late L. L. Mallard at Wallace, N. C., about thirty-eight miles from Wilmington, N. C., on the W. & W. R. R.; one of the

Finest Trucking and Cotton Sections

in North Carolina. Business large and successful. Bids invited for the purchase of same until January 15th, 1898, NO PREFERENCE GIVEN ANY ONE. Terms Cash or first-class security. Business open every day for inspection at Wallace.

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Address all communications to me at Kenansville, N. C. Credits are requested to send in claims properly proven for examination.

[JAMES W. BLOUNT,
Executor to will of late L. L. Mallard.
Dec. 28, 1897.

P. S.—The right reserved to accept or reject any or all bids. J. W. B.
de 30 9t de 25 28 3) jan 1 2 4 6 8 1)

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Any weight sacks, coarse or fine, fresh packing. A large stock

Bagging and Ties,

which we offer at lowest market prices.

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ON AND AFTER SEPT. 5th TRAINS WILL run as follows:

DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY.

Leave Wilmington at 2.30 p. m., 6.30 p. m
Leave Ocean View at 8.00 a. m., and 6.00 p. m.

SUNDAY TRAINS.

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Leave Ocean View at 6.00 p. m.

R. OSCAR GRANT,
Superintendent.
sep 25 t

It is Impossible

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Honey, Tar and Rum Compound.

Made in Wilmington, N. C., by

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FOR SALE!

A Combination "Crusader" Bicycle, for either lady or gentleman. Cushion Tires. Brand new. Will be sold cheap. Call in person, or address M., at STAR OFFICE. ap 7 tf

Executrix Notice.

HAVING QUALIFIED AS EXECUTRIX OF the last will and testament of Eliza A McDuffie, deceased, this is therefore to notify all persons indebted to my said testatrix to make immediate payment to me, and those to whom she was indebted to present their claims to me before the 5th day of December, 1898, or notice will be plead in bar of their recovery.

This the 1st day of December, 1897.

EMILY WILLIAMS, Executrix.
A. J. MARSHALL, Attorney. ta de 4 6w

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Notice.

Sale of Valuable Real Estate.

BY VIRTUE OF A DECREE OF THE Superior Court of New Hanover county, made at the September term, 1897, in a cause pending wherein Martha F. Maunder, executrix, is plaintiff, and F. Meier et al. are defendants, I will at 12 o'clock m., on Monday, the 10th day of January, 1898, sell at public auction, for cash, at the Court House door in the county of New Hanover, aforesaid, the lot of land and premises described in the complaint, situate in the city of Wilmington, N. C., and described as follows: Beginning at a point in the southern line of Market street 60 feet westwardly from the southwestern intersection of Market and Fifteenth streets, and running thence along said line of Market street westwardly 81 feet, thence southwardly and parallel with Fifteenth street 190 feet to the northern line of Meadow street, thence eastwardly along said line of Meadow street and parallel with Market street 80 feet, and thence northwardly and parallel with Fifteenth street 150 feet to the beginning, the same being a part of the eastern ends of Lots 1, 2 and 3 in Block 487, according to the plan of said city.

This the 9th day of December, 1897.

ROBERT C. STRELL, Commissioner.
A. J. MARSHALL, Attorney. dec 19 30t

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House on Dock between Seventh and Eighth Sts.
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House on Princess between Ninth and Tenth streets
House on Third between Walnut and Red Cross streets.
Two Stores on Water street.
Store corner Fourth and Nun streets.
House on Princess between Fifth and Sixth streets. Modern improvements.
House on Second between Dock and Orange streets with ten rooms.

Apply to D. O'CONNOR, Real Estate Agent. de 15 tf

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THE FIRST INSTALMENT OF THE EIGHTH SERIES OF THE

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Any one desiring to borrow money on easy terms should avail themselves of this opportunity. Money lent either on Stock of the Association or Real Estate.

Frank H. Stedman,
Secretary and Treasurer.
dec 8 tf

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Immediate shipments of

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Highest cash prices paid for same. No commission or freight charged.

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Just received to-day, and you bet your life you can buy them cheap this week. Don't miss this chance.

F. T. MILLS,

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Free Silver.

100 Cases (5c) Free Silver Powder.
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100 Cases Good Luck Powder.
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We ship at lowest delivered prices in quantities.

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Ladies' non shrinking Vests and Pants, Grey, only 98c each.
A good Cotton Carpet, yard wide, for 25 cents per yard,
Union Carpeting 35 cents per yard.
A good Brussels Carpet for 55 cents per yard.

de 25 tf

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Are enhanced for both old and young by the firelight's cheerful warmth and glow. Imagine what a dreary yuletide celebration it would be without a good fire made from our

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WE'RE PROUD OF OUR KID GLOVE STOCK.

We never lose a customer who once buys Kid Gloves here. We sell more Kid Gloves than all the rest of Wilmington combined. There are of course reasons for all this. First we will only mention one of them to-day: Our Ladies' Dollar Kid Gloves, Lace and Buttons all warranted.

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We're busy in this stock nearly all the time; the department gets fresh impetus from such items as these. Some wonder how it's done; others wonder why it's done so. The how and the why matters little. The fact of its being done is sufficient for money-saving buyers. The best 25 cents Hose in the city.

Sole Agents for the Standard Patterns and W. B. Corsets. de 12 tf

Balance of Stock of Christmas Goods Less Than Cost.

Parties buying Presents for Christmas Entertainments will do well to see us.

THE GRREATEST BARGAINS IN CAPES.

$ 3 00 PLUSH CAPES,.....$2 25
5.00 " " 3 00
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CAPES, Trimmed with Braid and Fur, 50c up

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STATEMENT OF ATLANTIC NATIONAL BANK, WILMINGTON, N. C.

At the close of Business Dec. 15th, 1897, Condensed from Report to Comptroller.

RESOURCES.		LIABILITIES.	
Loans	$587,394 69	Capital	$125,000 00
Overdrafts	65 33	Surplus	25,000 00
U. S. 4 per cent. Bonds (at par)	55,000 00	Undivided profits	30,404 01—75 404 01
Banking House and Fixtures	1,000 00	Circulation	49,500 00
Due from other Banks	219,396 27	Total Deposits	660,691 58
Cash on hand	68,394 00—287,893 27		
Total	$940,505 59	Total	$940 595 59

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	Dec. 15, '95.	Dec. 15, '96.	Dec. 15, '97.
Surplus and Net Profits	$52,000	$62,400	$75,400
Bills Payable and Re-discounts	NONE.	NONE.	NONE.

Dividends paid—6 per cent. per annum.
Last Instalment of Capital paid in October, 1892. de 24 tf

Xmas Novelties and Toys.

We have an extra large stock this year and have not the room to carry them over, consequently will have to dispose of same before the Holidays are over. A word to the wise is sufficient.

MYERS & LEWIS,

de 13 tf N. E. Corner Front and Market Streets.